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Technical information should always be available to the foremen and mechanics, because their careful and constant adherence to the instructions is essential to ensure vehicle road-worthiness and safety. In addition, the normal basic safety precautions for working on motor vehicles must, as a matter of course, be observed.

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27 – Battery, Starter, Generator, Cruise Control

1 Battery

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⇒ [“1.2 Batteries, Types”, page 2](#)

⇒ [“1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions”, page 4](#)

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WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ⇒ [“1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions”, page 4](#).



Caution

In order to prevent damage to the battery or vehicle, observe the battery type descriptions and notes. Refer to ⇒ [“1.2 Batteries, Types”, page 2](#).



Note

For vehicles with a high-voltage battery, the voltage for the 12V vehicle electrical system must be checked after disconnecting the 12V battery. If there is voltage, the high-voltage system must be de-energized.

1.1 Battery General Information

To guarantee a long service life, the battery must be checked, serviced and maintained as described in this manual.

In addition to supplying the power to start the engine, the battery acts as a power reserve and provider of energy for the entire vehicle electrical system.



1.2 Batteries, Types

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General Information



Caution

The following batteries described are maintenance-free batteries. Do not remove any of the labels on the battery and do not add any distilled water. Only perform a visual inspection. Note the chapter on battery testing. Refer to ⇒ ["2 Battery, Checking", page 7](#).

1.2.1 Battery with »Standard« Color Display

This is a maintenance-free battery with liquid electrolyte (wet battery).



WARNING

Do not check or charge batteries that have a visual indicator that is light yellow. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

This battery is equipped with a visual indicator. The visual indicator shows the state of charge and the battery acid level. Visual Indicator, Checking. Refer to ⇒ ["2.4 Visual Display in Battery Cover, Checking", page 10](#).

1.2.2 Battery with Visual Indicator, »Enhanced«

This is a maintenance-free battery with liquid electrolyte (wet battery).



Caution

Do not remove any of the labels on the battery and do not add any distilled water. Only perform a visual inspection. Note the chapter on battery testing. Refer to ⇒ ["2 Battery, Checking", page 7](#).



WARNING

Do not check or charge batteries that have a visual indicator that is light yellow. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

The battery is installed in certain Start/Stop vehicles due to special requirements. "EFB" is written on the battery cover to identify this battery. "EFB" stands for »enhanced flooded battery« (enhanced wet battery).

An "EFB" battery may only be replaced with another "EFB" battery.

An "EFB" battery has a visual indicator for checking the electrolyte level.

Visual Indicator, Checking. Refer to ➔ ["2.4 Visual Display in Battery Cover, Checking", page 10](#) .



Note

"EFB" batteries are being installed in smaller gasoline engines with Start/Stop system and a manual transmission starting from 05/2011.

1.2.3 AGM Battery

Maintenance-free battery with specific electrolyte without a visual indicator.

Lead-acid battery, where the electrolyte is fixed in an absorbent glass mat (AGM). The battery is closed and equipped with valves.

AGM is the English abbreviation for Absorbent Glass Mat.

These batteries do not have a visual indicator because the electrolyte level is predetermined. AGM batteries are labeled with the abbreviation AGM on the battery.



Note

- ◆ *Always replace an AGM battery with another AGM battery.*
- ◆ *If the battery is replaced, then the new one must be adapted.*
- Connect the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester .
- Adapt the battery using the ➔ Vehicle diagnostic tester.

1.2.4 Lithium-Ion Battery

On this battery type a visual inspection and classification is possible.

Visually inspection and classification of the Battery, 48 V - A6-

- Perform a condition assessment of the battery using the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester under 0021 battery management 2.





Visual inspection and classification of the Coasting Function
Auxiliary Battery - A8- .

- Perform a condition assessment of the battery using the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester under 008 coasting function for auxiliary battery.

1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions

⇒ [“1.3.1 Dangers When Working With Batteries”, page 4](#)

⇒ [“1.3.2 Battery Safety Label”, page 5](#)

⇒ [“1.3.3 Working on the Airbag System”, page 5](#)

1.3.1 Dangers When Working With Batteries

Recognizing and preventing risks

Batteries present risks. Read the warnings on the battery label, in the owner's manual and in ELSA to prevent these risks.



WARNING

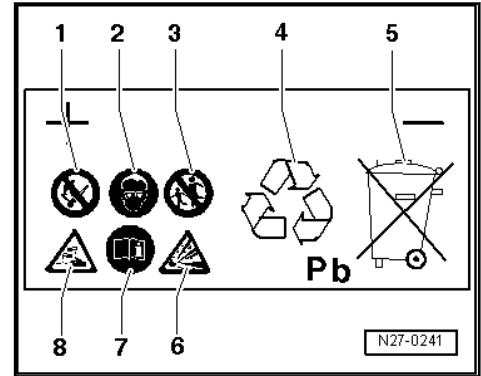
- ◆ *Supervised personnel, such as a trainee or apprentice, may only perform work on vehicle batteries under the supervision of technical personnel such as a master automotive mechanic or a master automotive electrician.*
- ◆ *Acid has strong corrosive properties. If batteries are handled inappropriately, there is a risk that personal injury may result from exposure to harmful electrolyte influences. Therefore, suitable remedies for acidic chemical burns must be kept readily available. For example, soap solution is a suitable material.*
- ◆ *If electrolyte is leaking from the battery, skin can be burned by the acid or the vehicle may be affected by acid erosion and corrosion. It is a possibility that safety-related vehicle components can be damaged.*
- ◆ *The oxyhydrogen gas created when charging and while resting after charging is explosive. In extreme cases, if the battery is handled inappropriately, the emitted gases may cause the battery to explode.*
- ◆ *Replace the battery if the visual indicator is light yellow. These cannot be tested or charged and a jump start cannot be given. There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.*
- ◆ *Generating sparks by grinding, welding, cutting work and open flames, for example when smoking in vicinity of the battery, is prohibited. Producing sparks through electrostatic charge must also be avoided. Always touch the vehicle body before touching the battery.*
- ◆ *Only perform battery procedures in suitable and well-ventilated locations.*



1.3.2 Battery Safety Label

Battery Safety Label

1. - When working in the area of batteries, fire, sparks, open flame and smoking are prohibited. Avoid generating sparks when working with cables and electrical devices and from electrostatic discharge. Avoid short circuits. For this reason, tools should never be rested on the battery.
2. - Wear protective eyewear when working on the battery.
3. - Always keep acid and batteries out of the reach of children.
4. - Disposal: old batteries are hazardous waste and require special disposal. They may only be disposed of at a suitable collection facility and only according to the legal regulations.
5. - Do not dispose of old batteries in household waste.
6. - When handling batteries, there is a risk of explosion. Battery charging produces a highly explosive gas mixture.
7. - Always observe the notes on the battery, in ELSA "Electrical Equipment - General Information" and in the owner's manual.
8. - Danger of burns: battery acid is severely corrosive, therefore protective gloves and eyewear must be worn when working on the battery. The battery must not be tipped because acid may spill from the ventilation openings.



1.3.3 Working on the Airbag System



WARNING

When working on the airbag system (pyrotechnic components, Airbag Control Module - J234- , wiring), the ground cable must be disconnected when the ignition is switched on.

Exceptions: on vehicles with a battery in the vehicle interior, the ignition must be switched off.

- ◆ *Then cover the negative terminal.*
- ◆ *Wait for 10 seconds after disconnecting the battery.*
- ◆ *The ignition must be on when connecting the battery.*
- ◆ *There must be no one inside the vehicle when connecting the battery.*

If this is the case, make sure to stay out of the airbag deployment and belt tensioner zones.

If the ignition is not switched on after the battery is reconnected - the indicator lamps in the instrument cluster do not turn on - the ignition (key/button) may only be switched on while sitting in the driver seat with the seat all the way back.



Note

For vehicles with a high-voltage battery, the voltage for the 12V vehicle electrical system must be checked after disconnecting the 12V battery. If there is voltage, the high-voltage system must be de-energized.



1.4 Battery Post/Terminal



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions.
Refer to ➔ **"1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4.**



Caution

In order to prevent damage to the battery terminal clamps and battery terminals, observe the following:

- ◆ **Never use force to attach the battery terminal clamps by hand.**
- ◆ **Do not apply grease to battery terminals.**
- ◆ **The battery terminal clamps should be mounted so that the battery terminal sits flush with the clamp or protrudes out of it.**
- ◆ **After tightening the battery terminal clamps to the tightening specification, the threaded connections must not be tightened again.**



2 Battery, Checking

⇒ [“2.1 Battery Types, Checking”, page 7](#)

⇒ [“2.2 Visual inspection”, page 8](#)

⇒ [“2.3 Notes for Battery Replacement and Battery Venting”, page 9](#)

⇒ [“2.4 Visual Display in Battery Cover, Checking”, page 10](#)

⇒ [“2.5 Battery Tester VAS 6161”, page 13](#)

⇒ [“2.6 Midtronics Battery Tester MCR340VKT, USA and Canada Vehicles Only”, page 18](#)

⇒ [“2.7 Current Draw Test”, page 22](#)



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ⇒ [“1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions”, page 4](#).



Caution

In order to prevent damage to the battery or vehicle, observe the battery type descriptions and notes. Refer to ⇒ [“1.2 Batteries, Types”, page 2](#).



Note

Observe the battery chapter for the respective vehicle. Refer to ⇒ Maintenance ; Booklet .

2.1 Battery Types, Checking

⇒ [“2.1.1 Battery with Visual Indicator, Checking”, page 7](#)

⇒ [“2.1.2 AGM Battery, Checking”, page 8](#)

2.1.1 Battery with Visual Indicator, Checking



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ⇒ [“1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions”, page 4](#).

Perform battery checks in the following sequence:

1. Visual inspection. Refer to ⇒ [“2.2 Visual inspection”, page 8](#).
2. Check the visual indicator. Refer to ⇒ [“2.4.1 3-Color Visual Indicator, Checking”, page 10](#) for “3-color” or to Refer to ⇒ [“2.4.2 2 Color Visual Indicator, Checking”, page 11](#) for “2-color”.



WARNING

Do not check or charge batteries that have a visual indicator that is light yellow. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

3. Check the battery using the Battery Tester - VAS 6161- . Refer to ➔ ["2.5 Battery Tester VAS 6161", page 13](#) .
4. Depending on the battery test result, "perform a current draw test". Refer to ➔ ["2.7 Current Draw Test", page 22](#) .

2.1.2 AGM Battery, Checking

Perform battery checks in the following sequence:

1. Visual inspection. Refer to ➔ ["2.2 Visual inspection", page 8](#) .
2. Check the battery using the Battery Tester - VAS 6161- . Refer to ➔ ["2.5 Battery Tester VAS 6161", page 13](#) .
3. Depending on the battery test result, "perform a current draw test". Refer to ➔ ["2.7 Current Draw Test", page 22](#) .

2.2 Visual inspection



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ➔ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#) .

Prior to performing any measurements, perform a visual inspection of the outer condition. Pay attention to secure fit and the covers of the battery vent openings.



Note

Observe the battery chapter for the respective vehicle. Refer to ➔ *Maintenance ; Booklet* .



Caution

- ◆ *An improperly secured battery can lead to damage.*
- ◆ *Excessive vibration due to an improperly secured battery will reduce the battery service life, creates a risk of explosion, can damage the pasted plates, and the battery bracket could damage the battery housing.*
- ◆ *Check the battery for secure fitting, if necessary tighten the mounting bolt to the required tightening specification.*

By performing visual inspection, it can be determined:

- ◆ If the battery case is damaged. Acid can leak out if the case is damaged. Battery acid that has leaked out can cause severe damage to the vehicle. Vehicle parts on which acid



that has leaked should be immediately treated with acid neutralizer or soap solution.

- ◆ Whether the battery terminals (battery wiring connections) are damaged. If the battery terminals are damaged, the necessary contact with battery terminal clamps cannot be guaranteed. When connecting the battery terminal clamps, keep in mind that the tightening specification from the "Electrical Equipment" repair manual for the corresponding vehicle is used. If the battery terminal clamps are not correctly installed and secured, the wiring may burn. Substantial malfunctions to the electrical system are a consequence. Safe operation of the vehicle can no longer be guaranteed.
- ◆ If the gas breather hose and the plugs are correctly seated. On vehicles with batteries in the passenger compartment or luggage compartment, pay attention to the correct securing of the gas breather hose. Pay attention that no open vent opening is located in the area of the positive terminal. If in this area a vent opening is open, it must be closed with a plug. The vent opening must be connected in the area of the negative terminal on the opened vent opening. Pay attention to the chapter. Refer to ➔ ["2.3 Notes for Battery Replacement and Battery Venting", page 9](#).

2.3 Notes for Battery Replacement and Battery Venting

- ◆ On which side the battery is engaged is safety-related.
- ◆ For applications in which a gas breather hose is used, pay attention to the correct seating of the gas breather hose and that the vent opening is secured on the other side.
- ◆ When replacing the vehicle battery pay attention to that there is no open bleed hole in the area of the positive terminal. If in this area a bleed hole is opened, it must be closed with a plug and the bleed pipe must be opened in the area of the negative terminal.
- ◆ On vehicles with an AGM battery installed outside of the engine compartment, make sure that the battery is replaced with an AGM battery.
- ◆ If the AGM battery is replaced, the Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- must be adapted.
- ◆ Connect the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester .
- ◆ Adapt the Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- using the ➔ Vehicle diagnostic tester.
- ◆ With the introduction of the Passat 3C (2006) the vent opening is always on the negative terminal side.
- ◆ If a protective cap with a sprayed plug is located on the positive terminal of the original battery 000.915.105.DX with the exception 000.915.105.DN and all economy batteries with a simple index, it must be inserted after the use case accordingly on the negative or positive terminal side. The list of the batteries can be found here ➔ [page 10](#) .
- ◆ AGM, EFB+, EFB batteries and the 36AH batteries with the original number 000.915.105.DN, replaced for example in up! and Polo have a protective cap without a sprayed protective cap on the positive terminal. Here the degassing of the positive terminal side is already closed.

If an original replacement battery with the following part numbers is found, on either the plus or negative terminal a red plug must be inserted. If this is not inserted this must be subsequently installed to TDC. Number.: 000.915.506



List of the batteries with protective cap and sprayed protective caps

Original wet cell battery:

- ◆ "36 Ah" 000.915.105.DA
- ◆ "44 Ah" 000.915.105.DB
- ◆ "51 Ah" 000.915.105.DC
- ◆ "60 Ah" 000.915.105.DD
- ◆ "61 Ah" 000.915.105.DE
- ◆ "72 Ah" 000.915.105.DG
- ◆ "80 Ah" 000.915.105.DH
- ◆ "85 Ah" 000.915.105.DJ
- ◆ "95 Ah" 000.915.105.DK
- ◆ "110 Ah" 000.915.105.DL
- ◆ "36 Ah" 000.915.105.DN
- ◆ "49 Ah" 000.915.105.FA

Economy batteries:

- ◆ "61 Ah" JZW.915.105.
- ◆ "72 Ah" JZW.915.105.A
- ◆ "85 Ah" JZW.915.105.B
- ◆ "44 Ah" JZW.915.105.C
- ◆ "36 Ah" JZW.915.105.D
- ◆ "95 Ah" JZW.915.105.E
- ◆ "80 Ah" JZW.915.105.F

2.4 Visual Display in Battery Cover, Checking

⇒ ["2.4.1 3-Color Visual Indicator, Checking", page 10](#)

⇒ ["2.4.2 2 Color Visual Indicator, Checking", page 11](#)

2.4.1 "3-Color" Visual Indicator, Checking



WARNING

***Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions.
Refer to ⇒ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).***

Visual indicator general information:

Applies to all original equipment batteries with index "1J0", "7N0" and "3B0" and to all replacement batteries, part number 191 915 105 AB, and beginning with index "000 915 105 AX".

The visual indicator provides information about the electrolyte level and the battery state of charge.

Before performing the visual inspection, gently tap the charge indicator with a screwdriver handle or rock vehicle slightly. By doing this, air bubbles which could impair the visual inspection are rising up. As a result the visual indicator will be more accurate.



Note

- ♦ *Air bubbles can form under the inspection window especially when a battery is charged, including when it is charged while driving. These will falsify the visual inspection.*
- ♦ *The visual indicator is valid for only that one battery cell in which the visual indicator is located. An exact assessment of battery condition can only be confirmed by performing a battery charge test Refer to ➔ ["2.5 Battery Tester VAS 6161", page 13](#).*
- ♦ *The visual indicator may be located on different locations on the battery.*

There are three possible color displays:

- ♦ »Green«: Battery is sufficiently charged.
- ♦ »Black«: Partially charged, less than 65 % or discharged.
- ♦ »Colorless or light yellow«, battery must be replaced.



WARNING

Do not check or charge batteries that have a visual indicator that is light yellow. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

2.4.2 "2 Color" Visual Indicator, Checking



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ➔ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).

Visual indicator general information:

The general introduction of the "2-color" visual indicator began as a running change in 2009. The color »green« for the charge level is not used on the "2-color" display.

The visual indicator provides information about the electrolyte level.

It is no longer possible to check the battery charge level using the visual indicator. It is necessary to perform a battery test. Refer to ➔ ["2.5 Battery Tester VAS 6161", page 13](#)

Before performing a visual inspection, gently tap the charge indicator with a screwdriver handle. By doing this, air bubbles which could impair the visual inspection are rising up. Thereby, the color indicator of the visual indicator is more accurate.



Note

- ♦ *Air bubbles can form under the inspection window especially when a battery is charged, including when it is charged while driving. These will falsify the visual inspection.*
- ♦ *The visual indicator is valid for only that one battery cell in which the visual indicator is located. An exact assessment of battery charge is only possible by performing a battery test. Refer to ⇒ ["2.5 Battery Tester VAS 6161", page 13](#).*
- ♦ *The visual indicator may be located on different locations on the battery.*

Two visual indicators are possible:

- ♦ »black«, the electrolyte level is OK
- ♦ »bright yellow«, the electrolyte level is too low. The battery must be replaced.



WARNING

Do not check or charge batteries that have a visual indicator that is light yellow. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

2.5 Battery Tester - VAS 6161-

⇒ [“2.5.1 Battery Tester VAS 6161 Device Description”, page 14](#)

⇒ [“2.5.2 Battery Test, Performing using Battery Tester VAS 6161”, page 14](#)

⇒ [“2.5.3 VW Original Battery Test”, page 15](#)

⇒ [“2.5.4 Non VW Battery Test”, page 16](#)

⇒ [“2.5.5 Storage Maintenance, Performing”, page 16](#)

⇒ [“2.5.6 Explanation of Test Results”, page 17](#)

⇒ [“2.5.7 Evaluating Test Results”, page 17](#)

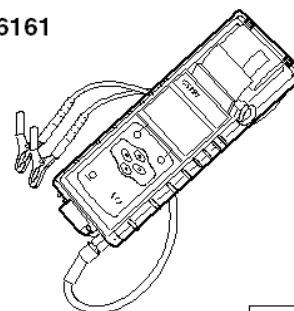
General Description:



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VAS 6161



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It is not necessary to disconnect or remove the battery when using the Battery Tester - VAS 6161- .

The Battery Tester - VAS 6161- does not affect the battery. It is working according to the principle of dynamic conductivity.

All battery types are stored in the tester.

The data can be stored on a SD memory card.

The Battery Tester - VAS 6161- can be updated via an interface or a SD card, so that all battery data from Volkswagen is always current.

The integrated temperature sensor increases the quality of the measurements.

An optional 2D scanner is available to carry over the data from the battery 2D code.



Note

Refer to the ⇒ *Battery Tester - VAS 6161- Operating Instructions* .



2.5.1 Battery Tester - VAS 6161- Device Description

- 1 - Integrated printer
- 2 - Operating lever for the paper tray
- 3 - Paper slot
- 4 - LCD screen with main menu
- 5 - Control panel with ON/OFF switch
- 6 - Connection for the battery tester cable
- 7 - Slot for the memory card
- 8 - Infrared temperature sensor
- 9 - PC file transmitter



2.5.2 Battery Test, Performing using Battery Tester - VAS 6161-



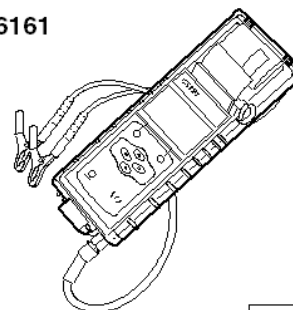
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Refer to ➔ **"1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4**.

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Battery Tester - VAS 6161-

VAS 6161



Testing the battery:



WARNING

Do not check or charge batteries that have a visual indicator that is light yellow. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

- Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment.
- Check the color display for batteries with a visual indicator.
Refer to ➔ **"2.1.1 Battery with Visual Indicator, Checking", page 7**.



- Switch on the unit.
- Clamp the red clamp “+” of the tester to the positive terminal.
- Clamp the black clamp “-” of the tester to the negative terminal.



Note

Make sure the test clamps make good contact!

- Select one of the following tests:



Note

- ◆ *VW original battery test: all VW original batteries are checked with this outside of the warranty.*
- ◆ *“Non” VW battery test: all batteries from other manufactures are checked with this.*
- ◆ *Storage maintenance: for batteries in storage and inventory.*
- ◆ VW original battery. Refer to ⇒ [“2.5.3 VW Original Battery Test”, page 15](#).
- ◆ “Non” VW battery. Refer to ⇒ [“2.5.4 Non VW Battery Test”, page 16](#).
- ◆ Storage maintenance. Refer to ⇒ [“2.5.5 Storage Maintenance, Performing”, page 16](#).



Note

- ◆ *The test is over after approximately 10 seconds.*
- ◆ *The test results are printed out.*
- ◆ *It is not necessary to let the tester cool down before performing the next measurement.*

2.5.3 VW Original Battery Test



WARNING

Do not check or charge batteries that have a visual indicator that is light yellow. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

- Select “VW Original Battery Test” in the menu.
- Select “inside the vehicle” or “outside of the vehicle”.
- Select “at the battery terminal” or “at the battery jump start terminal”.
- Scan in the battery 2D code or manually select battery type and current strength.



- Measure the temperature. Hold the temperature sensor approximately 5 cm above the battery terminal until the temperature is stable.
- Start the test.
- Print out the test report if necessary.

2.5.4 “Non” VW Battery Test



Note

- ◆ *The printed test results can differ depending on the software version.*
- ◆ *Refer to the ⇒ Battery Tester - VAS 6161- Operating Instructions .*



WARNING

Do not check or charge batteries that have a visual indicator that is light yellow. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

- Select “Non VW Battery Test” in the menu.
- Select “at the battery terminal” or “at the battery jump start terminal”.
- Select the type of battery: “standard”, “AGM”, “2*6V” or “Gel”.
- Select the standard “CCA”, “JIS”, “DIN”, “SAE” “IEC” or “EN”.
- Select battery value.
- Measure the temperature. Hold the temperature sensor approximately 5 cm above the battery terminal until the temperature is stable.
- Start the test.
- Print out the test report if necessary.

2.5.5 Storage Maintenance, Performing



WARNING

Do not check or charge batteries that have a visual indicator that is light yellow. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

- Select “storage maintenance” in the menu.
- Connect the scanner.



Note

If there is no scanner, manually enter the VIN on the printed test results.

- Scan the VIN.
- Select “at the battery terminal” or “at the battery jump start terminal”.
- Scan in the battery 2D code or manually select the type and manufacturer in the menu.
- Measure the temperature. Hold the temperature sensor approximately 5 cm above the terminal connection until the temperature is stable.

Start the test.

- Print out the test report if necessary.

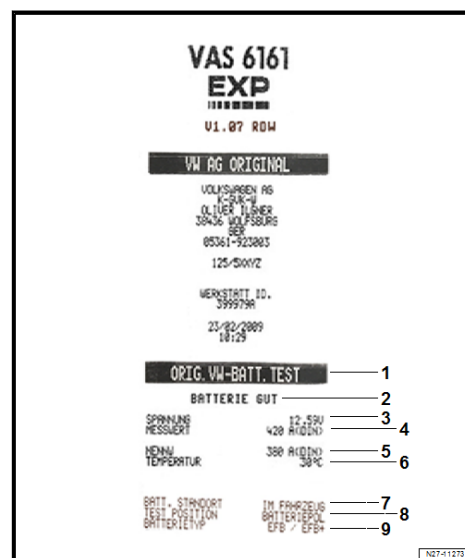
2.5.6 Explanation of Test Results



Note

- ◆ The layout of the printed test results can vary depending on the software version.
- ◆ The printed test results are required for warranty claims.

- 1 - Type of test.
- 2 - Battery test result.
- 3 - Measured voltage.
- 4 - Measured cold start value of the battery.
- 5 - Cold start nominal value set in the tester
- 6 - Measured battery temperature
- 7 - Battery installation location
- 8 - Location of the battery terminal set in the tester
- 9 - Selected battery technology.



2.5.7 Evaluating Test Results

Evaluating the battery test results for the warranty and service tests

Battery test result	Steps
Battery good	No action on the battery
Battery good - recharge	Charge battery. Refer to ➔ “3 Battery Charge”, page 25 . If necessary, search for the cause of the discharging
Perform a current draw test	Perform a current draw test. Refer to ➔ “2.7 Current Draw Test”, page 22 . Charge the battery completely and test again. Refer to ➔ “3 Battery Charge”, page 25 .



Battery test result	Steps
Replace the battery	Disconnect the battery and test again. The result "replace the battery" can occur due to a weak cable contact.
Battery cell faulty - replace	Replace the battery
Check the connection	Connect the cable directly to the battery and not to the battery jump start terminal.
Battery depleted	Replace the battery

Evaluating the battery test results for the maintenance test

Battery test result	Steps
Battery good	No measure
Charge the battery immediately	Fully charge the battery. Refer to ⇒ "3 Battery Charge", page 25 .
Mark as defective	Mark as defective.
Check the tester connection	Disconnect the battery and test again. The result "check the tester connection" can occur because the cable contact is weak.
Check the connection	Connect the cable directly to the battery and not to the battery jump start terminal.
Noises	Wait until the measured value appears in the display.
Battery depleted	Replace the battery

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⇒ ["2.6.1 General Description", page 19](#)

⇒ ["2.6.2 Testing the battery using the Midtronics Battery Tester MCR340VKT", page 20](#)

⇒ ["2.6.3 Evaluating Test Results", page 21](#)

⇒ ["2.6.4 Midtronics Battery Tester MCR340VKT , Troubleshooting", page 21](#)

General information. Refer to ⇒ ["2.6.1 General Description", page 19](#).

Testing the battery using the Midtronics Battery Tester - MCR340VKT- Refer to ⇒ ["2.6.2 Testing the battery using the Midtronics Battery Tester MCR340VKT", page 20](#)

Troubleshooting the Midtronics Battery Tester - MCR340VKT- . Refer to ⇒ ["2.6.4 Midtronics Battery Tester MCR340VKT , Troubleshooting", page 21](#).



2.6.1 General Description



WARNING

There is a risk of injury.

*Read and note the safety precautions before working with batteries. Refer to ➔ **"1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4**.*

Dispose of electrolyte (sulfuric acid/water mixture) safely. Electrolyte must be taken to approved locations that accept it. Follow local disposal guidelines.

Do not check gassing batteries. Danger of explosion.



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.



Note

*To prevent damaging the battery or the vehicle, pay attention to the battery type and notes. Refer to ➔ **"1 Battery", page 1**.*

Only Volkswagen approved battery testers may be used to test batteries in Volkswagen vehicles. Use the Midtronics Battery Tester - MCR340VKT- in the USA and Canada.

Read the safety precautions, setup and operating instructions of the owner's manual that comes with the Midtronics Battery Tester - MCR340VKT- and follow them exactly.

Refer to ➔ Self Study Program No. ; Vehicle Batteries for more information.

The following charging and analysis procedures apply to all batteries, all battery installation locations (engine compartment or luggage compartment) and all battery purposes (for the starter or for the second/convenience battery).

Always follow the safety precautions, the instructions for setting up the battery tester, the display menu/display buttons, LEDs and all described procedures. Refer to the ➔ MCR340V Operating Instructions.



Note

Always take note of and comply with all subchapters, notes and instructions regarding the vehicle to be tested, the battery type.



2.6.2 Testing the battery using the Midtronics Battery Tester - MCR340VKT-

Requirements:



WARNING

Read and note the safety precautions before working with batteries. Refer to ➔ [“1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions”, page 4](#).

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

- Read the general description. Refer to ➔ [“2.6.1 General Description”, page 19](#).
- Visually check the battery. Refer to ➔ [“2.2 Visual inspection”, page 8](#).
- Open the hood or open the cover if the battery is installed somewhere else.
- Determine if it is a “Standard” battery or an “AGM” battery.
- Remove the covers on the battery positive and negative terminals.
- Close all the doors.



Note

- ◆ *The battery temperature must be at least 10 °C (50 °F).*
- ◆ *Refer to the ➔ Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS Operating Instructions for more information.*

Performing the test:



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

- Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment.
- Check the visual indicator if the battery is equipped with such. Refer to ➔ [“2.1.1 Battery with Visual Indicator, Checking”, page 7](#).
- Switch on the unit.
- Clamp the red clamp “+” of the tester to the positive terminal.
- Clamp the black clamp “-” of the tester to the negative terminal.



Note

Make sure the test clamps make good contact!

- Select “inside the vehicle” or “outside of the vehicle”.
- Select “Warranty Test”.



Note

If the test results are needed to process a warranty claim, use the print function on the Midtronics Battery Tester - MCR340VKT- .

- Determine if it is a “Standard” battery or an “AGM” battery.
- Copy the battery DIN value from the battery label. If the label does not state a DIN value, then note down the SAE value.
- Enter the DIN value into the tester and then perform the battery test. Refer to ➤ MCR340V Operating Instructions .
- If using an SAE value, go into the menu under “other” and change “DIN” to “SAE”. Refer to ➤ MCR340V Operating Instructions .



Note

Always use the DIN value on the battery label. Otherwise the test result will be incorrect.

2.6.3 Evaluating Test Results

Battery test result:

Battery test result	Steps
Battery good	None
Good - charge	Charge battery. Refer to ➤ “3.7 Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS USA/Canada Only”, page 79 .
Use Incharge	Charge battery. Refer to ➤ “3.7 Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS USA/Canada Only”, page 79 .
Replace the battery	Replace the battery. Refer to ➤ Electrical Equipment; Rep. Gr. 27 ; Battery, Removing and Installing
Battery cell faulty	Replace the battery. Refer to ➤ Electrical Equipment; Rep. Gr. 27 ; Battery, Removing and Installing

2.6.4 Midtronics Battery Tester - MCR340VKT- , Troubleshooting

The display under certain circumstances shows malfunctions or status based messages.



The following is a list of the most frequent displayed messages together with suggested solutions.



Note

Refer to the ⇒ *MCR340V Operating Instructions for messages not listed here.*

Display Message	Steps
No display	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Make sure the battery tester terminals are attached securely to the battery terminals.– Make sure the battery terminal is tightened to the tightening specification and is not corroded.– Charge battery. Refer to ⇒ "3.7 Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS USA/Canada Only", page 79.
System noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Turn off all electrical equipment.– Wait until all electrical equipment, which is monitored by the vehicle electrical system control module, is switched off.– Remove the ignition key.– Disconnect any doubtful or non-standard electrical equipment from the vehicle electrical system.

Wait a few minutes and then perform the test again. Refer to ⇒ ["2.6.2 Testing the battery using the Midtronics Battery Tester MCR340VKT", page 20](#).



Note

If the test was performed at the battery jump start terminal and the message still does not go away, then perform the test directly on the battery.

2.7 Current Draw Test



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.



Note

- ◆ *Make sure the correct charging mode is set on the charger so the current draw test is not inaccurate.*
- ◆ *Battery Charger VAS 5095A. Refer to ⇒ ["3.1.2 Charging the battery with Battery Charger VAS 5095 A", page 27](#).*
- ◆ *Battery Charger VAS 5900. Refer to ⇒ ["3.2 Battery Charger VAS 5900", page 33](#).*
- ◆ *Battery Charger VAS 5900 A. Refer to ⇒ ["3.3 Battery Charger VAS 5900", page 45](#).*
- ◆ *Battery Charger VAS 5903. Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).*
- ◆ *Battery Charger VAS 5908. Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).*

In order to receive an indication as quickly as possible of the battery condition of discharged batteries, a conclusion can be made during the charging process using the battery current draw as to whether the battery should be replaced or charged completely.



Note

In the case of the Battery Tester - VAS 6161- , the current draw test must always be conducted when the test result "conduct current draw test" appears in the display.

Always perform a current draw test when

- ◆ the test result from the Battery Tester - VAS 6161- shows the following:

1 - Perform a current draw test

By checking a battery's current draw capacity during the charging procedure, it can be determined in a short time whether a partially discharged or severely discharged battery (refer to ⇒ ["3.9 Severely Discharged Batteries", page 84](#)) can become operable again by further charging.

Test Prerequisites

- ◆ When charging a battery, the battery temperature must be at least greater than or equal to +10 °C (50 °F).
- ◆ The charger must be able to deliver at least 30 A charging current, for example as on the VAS 5095A, VAS 5900, VAS 5903.
- ◆ When charging using the Battery Charger - VAS 5095A- , the battery current draw must be measured with a current probe, for example, Test Instrument Set - Current Clamp - 100A VAS 6356/4A. The Battery Charger - VAS 5900- and the Battery Charger - VAS 5903- indicate the current draw on the device. The Battery Charger - VAS 5900- automatically performs the menu- guided current draw test.
- Connect the battery to the battery charger and start the charging process.
- Measure the battery charge current after five minutes.



Test result:

When current draw A is greater than 10% of nominal capacity Ah (for example greater than 6.1 A at 61 Ah battery), fully charge the battery and retest.



Note

On the Eos with two 6V AGM batteries, the charge current must only be greater than 5% of the battery nominal capacity in ampere. As an example for Eos: the 50 Ah battery must have a charge current greater than 2.5 A after charging for five minutes.

- Charge the battery completely when the charge current is greater than 10 % of the nominal capacity (note exception for Eos in the note above).
- After resting the battery for two hours, perform a battery test. Refer to ➔ [“2.5.2 Battery Test, Performing using Battery Tester VAS 6161”](#), page 14 .

If the charge current is less than 10% of the nominal capacity (two 6 V batteries in the Eos 5%) five minutes after starting the test (that is, for a 50 Ah battery less than 5A), then replace the battery. Fill out the battery check sheet for warranty and goodwill cases.



3 Battery Charge

⇒ ["3.1 Battery Charger VAS 5095 A", page 26](#)

⇒ ["3.2 Battery Charger VAS 5900", page 33](#)

⇒ ["3.3 Battery Charger VAS 5900", page 45](#)

⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#)

⇒ ["3.5 Battery Charger VAS 5906", page 67](#)

⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#)

⇒ ["3.7 Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS USA/Canada Only", page 79](#)

⇒ ["3.8 Solar Panel - 10 Panels VAS 6102B", page 84](#)

⇒ ["3.9 Severely Discharged Batteries", page 84](#)



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5900 A". Refer to ⇒ ["3.3 Battery Charger VAS 5900", page 45](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ⇒ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).



Caution

In order to prevent damage to the battery or vehicle, observe the battery type descriptions and notes. Refer to ⇒ ["1.2 Batteries, Types", page 2](#).



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.



3.1 Battery Charger - VAS 5095 A-

⇒ ["3.1.1 Battery Charger VAS 5095 A Device Description", page 26](#)

⇒ ["3.1.2 Charging the battery with Battery Charger VAS 5095 A", page 27](#)

⇒ ["3.1.3 Charging a Severely Discharged Battery Using Battery Charger VAS 5095 A", page 29](#)

⇒ ["3.1.4 Support Mode using Battery Charger VAS 5095A", page 30](#)

⇒ ["3.1.5 Battery Charger VAS 5095 A Maintenance Charging", page 32](#)



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).

In this chapter, the base functions of the Battery Charger - VAS 5095 A- are described. Refer to ⇒ Battery Charger - VAS 5095 A- Operating Instructions for additional information.



Note

- ◆ The effective charging current cannot be read out on this unit. The charging current must be measured externally with a current probe.
- ◆ Refer to ⇒ Battery Charger - VAS 5095 A- Operating Instructions.

3.1.1 Battery Charger - VAS 5095 A- Device Description



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).

The charge current of the charger is 12 A.

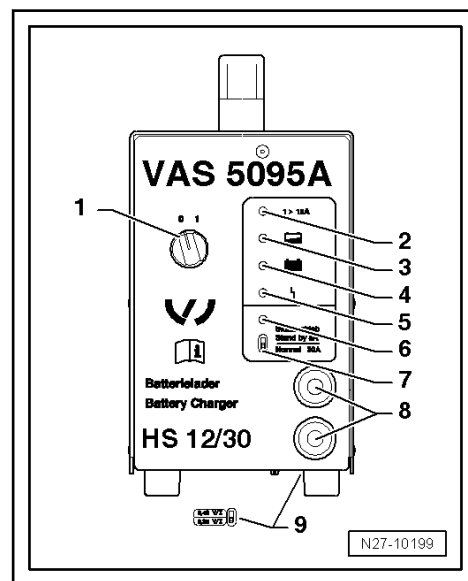
The Battery Charger - VAS 5095 A- is designed to charge all 12 V batteries in the VW group.



The battery is charged without amperage or voltage surges. As a result the on-board electronics will not be affected. It is not necessary to remove the battery from the vehicle or be disconnected from the electrical system during charging.

Battery Charger - VAS 5095 A-

- 1 - Switch ON/OFF (0 = Charger OFF)
- 2 - Charge current display (I greater than 12 A)
- 3 - Charge current display: battery partially charged greater than 90 %
- 4 - Charger sustain, lights up green when battery is charged
- 5 - Interference indicator
- 6 - Support mode indicator
- 7 - Support mode/normal mode selector switch
- 8 - Charger cables, red charging clamp "+", black charging clamp "-".
- 9 - Battery type selector switch (base of loading devices)



3.1.2 Charing the battery with Battery Charger - VAS 5095 A-



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ➤ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ➤ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).

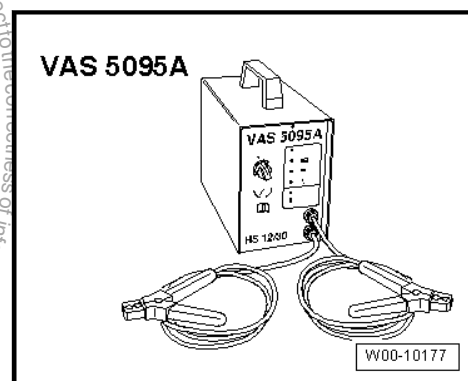


WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions.
Refer to ➤ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Battery Charger - VAS 5095 A-





Caution

While charging, always set the battery type to 2.4 V/C (Volts/ Battery Cell)! This applies to all batteries.



Note

The battery temperature must be at least 10 °C (50 °F).



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

- Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment.
- Check the battery type setting on the battery type selector. Refer to ⇒ [“3.1.1 Battery Charger VAS 5095 A Device Description”, page 26](#) . It must be set to 2.4V/C (Volts/Cell).
- Clamp the red charging clamp “+” of the charger to the positive battery terminal.



Note

For vehicles with a start/stop function and an installed Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- , the black charging clamp “-” must be connected to the body ground. The start/stop system will malfunction if it is connected to the negative terminal on the battery.

- Connect the black charging clamp “-” of the charger to the negative battery terminal.
- Switch on the battery charger. Refer to ⇒ [“3.1.1 Battery Charger VAS 5095 A Device Description”, page 26](#) .

The charge current display -2- and -3- light up yellow. Refer to ⇒ [Fig. “Battery Charger -VAS 5095 A-”, page 27](#) . When only the yellow LED -3- is lit, the battery is partially charged (approximately 90 %).

If the green LED -4- is also lit, the charger has switched to the charge sustain function. Refer to ⇒ [Fig. “Battery Charger -VAS 5095 A-”, page 27](#) . The battery is charged.

- Switch off the charger. Refer to ⇒ [“3.1.1 Battery Charger VAS 5095 A Device Description”, page 26](#) .
- Remove the charger clamps from the battery terminal clamps.



3.1.3 Charging a Severely Discharged Battery Using Battery Charger - VAS 5095 A-



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ⇒ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).

The charger recognizes the severely discharged battery automatically and starts the charging process conservatively with low charging current. The charge current is automatically adjusted to the battery charge state.



Note

- ◆ Observe the notes in chapter. Refer to ⇒ ["3.9 Severely Discharged Batteries", page 84](#).
- ◆ Severely discharged batteries in vehicles must be replaced prior to delivery. Pre-existing damage cannot be ruled out.
- ◆ The battery voltage must be at least 0.6 V!



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

- Charge the battery. Refer to ⇒ ["3.1.2 Charging the battery with Battery Charger VAS 5095 A", page 27](#).





3.1.4 Support Mode using Battery Charger - VAS 5095A-



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).

General information:

The support mode provides the vehicle electrical system with voltage when the battery is removed or disconnected.

Refer to ⇒ VAS 5095A Operating Instructions for more information.

The support mode is used for the following situations:

- ◆ Vehicle electrical system support mode with the battery not installed
- ◆ Maintaining the voltage when the battery is being replaced
- ◆ Testing without the battery



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions.
Refer to ⇒ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

- Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment.



Caution

- ◆ *The polarity protection of the charger clamps is not active in the operation mode "charging severely discharged batteries/Support mode". Connect the charger clamps to the battery terminal clamps correctly according to polarity!*
- ◆ *It can result in sparks due to short circuit.*
- ◆ *This constitutes an explosion risk.*
- ◆ *Make sure the charger clamps are secure.*
- ◆ *Do not press the **START / STOP** button when battery cables are connected incorrectly. The charger could get damaged.*

- Remove the battery.



Caution

Whenever the battery is removed, be careful to prevent contact between the connected charge clamp on the battery positive terminal and the body ground. Likewise prevent contact between the battery terminal clamps.

- Connect the red charging clamp "+" to the vehicle battery positive terminal.



Note

For vehicles with a start/stop function and an installed Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367, the black charging clamp "-" must be connected to the body ground. The start/stop system will malfunction if it is connected to the negative terminal on the battery.

- Connect the black charging clamp "+" to the vehicle battery negative terminal.
- Check the battery type setting on the battery type selector normal mode/support mode. Refer to ➔ ["3.1.1 Battery Charger VAS 5095 A Device Description", page 26](#) . Support mode must be on.
- Verify that the charger clamps are connected to the correct polarity.
- Switch on charging unit.

The charger starts the support mode.

End the battery support mode:

- Turn off the charger.
- Remove the black charging clamp "-" of the charger from the vehicle battery negative terminal clamp.
- Remove the red charging clamp "+" of the charger from the vehicle battery positive terminal clamp.
- Pull out the power connector of the charger.





3.1.5 Battery Charger - VAS 5095 A- Maintenance Charging



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ⇒ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

During maintenance charging, the Battery Charger - VAS 5095 A- ensures a safe charging procedure and preserves the charge of the battery.

- Proceed as when charging the battery. Refer to ⇒ ["3.1.2 Charging the battery with Battery Charger VAS 5095 A", page 27](#).



Note

- ◆ If the battery is discharged by an electrical consumer during maintenance charging, the Battery Charger - VAS 5095 A- automatically supplies the appropriate charge.
- ◆ Maintenance charging can be performed without time restrictions.
- ◆ The battery can be used constantly.



3.2 Battery Charger - VAS 5900-

⇒ ["3.2.1 Battery Charger VAS 5900 Device Description", page 34](#)

⇒ ["3.2.2 Charging the battery with the Battery Charger VAS 5900", page 34](#)

⇒ ["3.2.3 Service Charging with Battery Charger VAS 5900", page 37](#)

⇒ ["3.2.4 Charging Severely Discharged Batteries using Battery Charger VAS 5900", page 39](#)

⇒ ["3.2.5 Support Mode with Battery Charger VAS 5900", page 42](#)

⇒ ["3.2.6 Maintenance Charging using the Battery Charger VAS 5900", page 44](#)



Note

- ◆ *If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.*
- ◆ *Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).*
- ◆ *Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).*



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ⇒ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

In this chapter, the base functions of the Battery Charger - VAS 5900- are described. Refer to ⇒ Battery Charger - VAS 5900- Operating Instructions for additional information.



Note

- ◆ *The effective charging current can be read out directly on this charging device.*
- ◆ *Refer to ⇒ Battery Charger - VAS 5900- Operating Instructions.*



3.2.1 Battery Charger - VAS 5900- Device Description



Note

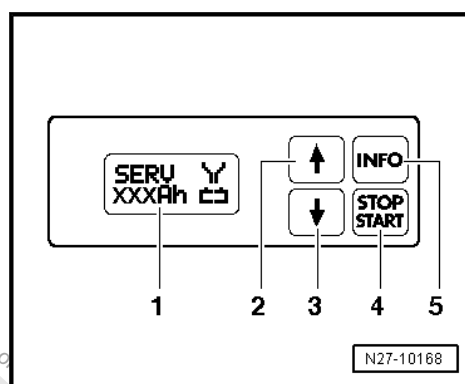
- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).

The charge current of the charger is 35 A.

The Battery Charger - VAS 5900- is designed to charge all 12 V batteries in the VW group.

Battery Charger - VAS 5900-

- 1 - Display
- 2 - Adjustment button "Up"
- 3 - Adjustment button "Down"
- 4 -
- 5 -



3.2.2 Charging the battery with the Battery Charger - VAS 5900-



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ⇒ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).



WARNING

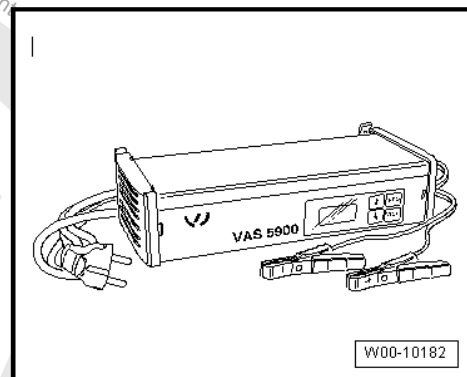
Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Battery Charger - VAS 5900-



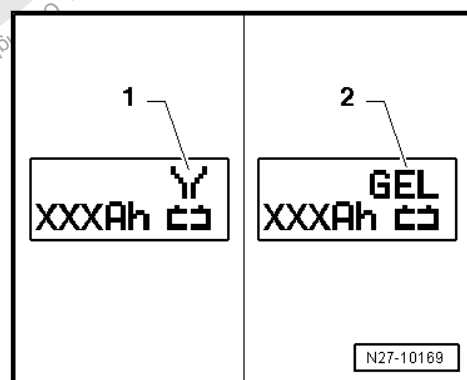
Note

The battery temperature must be at least 10 °C (50 °F).

- Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment.
- Plug in the power connector of the charger. The last selected battery type is shown on the display.
- Select applicable battery type using **INFO**.

The symbol -1- for "standard charge of wet batteries" or the symbol -2- for "standard charge of Gel/AGM batteries" is shown in the display.

- Set the capacity (Ah) of the battery to be charged with the corresponding button "Up" or "Down" .
- Clamp the red charging clamp "+" to the positive battery terminal.



Note

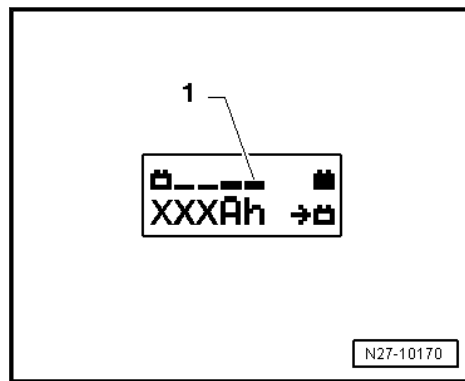
For vehicles with a start/stop function and an installed Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- , the black charging clamp - must be connected to the body ground. The start/stop system will malfunction if it is connected to the negative terminal on the battery.

- Connect the black charging clamp "-" to the negative battery terminal.

The charger recognizes the nominal voltage of the connected battery (6 V, 12 V or 24 V) and begins the charging process automatically.



At a charge level of approximately 80 - 85 %, the charging unit begins the "Final-charging". The fourth bar is indicated on the display -1-. The battery is now ready to be used.

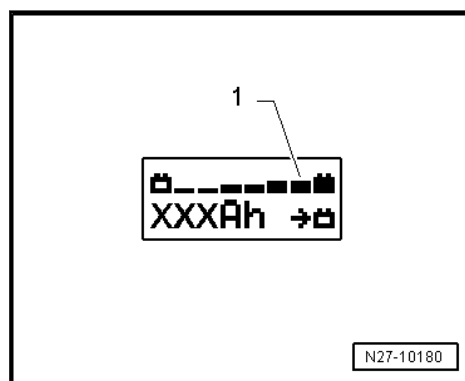


With a charge status of 100 %, all bars are indicated on the display.



Note

- ◆ With the battery type "standard charge", parallel operation of electrical consumers during the charging process is possible. The charging time is lengthened by this.
- ◆ Depending on battery type, the charger switches over to sustain charging after approximately 1-7 hours. To achieve a 100 % charge status, the battery should remain connected to the charger for that long.



Possible malfunctions and how they are handled:

- 1 - Displayed voltage does not match the nominal voltage:
 - Press and hold the appropriate button "Up" ↑ or "Down" ↓ until the charging process begins.
- 2 - Displayed battery voltage does not match the nominal voltage - the charging process has already begun:
 - Press **START / STOP** twice.
 - Press and hold the appropriate button "Up" ↑ or "Down" ↓ until the charging process begins again.
- 3 - The charger does not recognize a battery, when the battery voltage is less than 2 V:

The display remains unchanged.

The selected battery type and Ampere hours (Ah) are displayed.

End battery charging process:

- Press **START / STOP**.
- Remove the black charging clamp "-" of the charger from the negative battery terminal.
- Remove the red charging clamp "+" of the charger from the positive battery terminal.
- Pull out the power connector of the charger.



3.2.3 Service Charging with Battery Charger - VAS 5900-



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions.
Refer to ⇒ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).



Caution

"Service charging" is not permitted for VW vehicles, because voltage surges can damage the on-board electronics.

If "Service charging" is still used, the battery must always be separated from the vehicle electrical system.



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.



Caution

During the charging process, always set the operation mode corresponding to the battery. Refer to the ⇒ Battery Charger - VAS 5900- Operating Instructions !

"Service Charging" is suitable for:

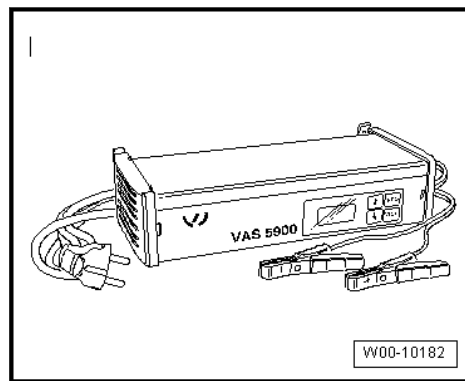
- ◆ **Wet batteries having a visual indicator which allows charging (visual indicator black or green).**

The "Service charge (SERV)" mode is only used with sulfated batteries. The battery with voltages greater than 14.4 V is charged. A partial removal of the sulfation layer can result from this. Check the visual indicator after charging, immediately before the battery is used. Refer to ⇒ ["2.4 Visual Display in Battery Cover, Checking", page 10](#).

Special tools and workshop equipment required



◆ Battery Charger - VAS 5900-



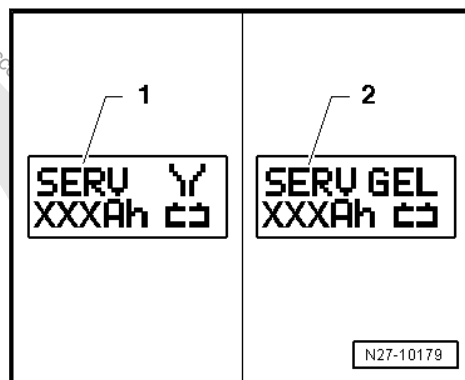
Note

The battery temperature must be at least 10 °C (50 °F).

- Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment.
- Plug in the power connector of the charger. The last selected mode is shown on the display. Refer to [3.2.1. Battery Charger VAS 5900 Device Description](#), page 34.
- Select the applicable battery type using **INFO**.

The symbol -1- for “service charge of wet batteries” or the symbol -2- for “service charge of Gel/AGM batteries” is indicated in the display.

- Set the capacity (Ah) of the battery to be charged with the corresponding button “Up” **↑** or “Down” **↓**.
- Clamp the red charging clamp “+” to the positive battery terminal.



Note

For vehicles with a start/stop function and an installed Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- , the black charging clamp “-” must be connected to the body ground. The start/stop system will malfunction if it is connected to the negative terminal on the battery.

- Connect the black charging clamp “-” to the negative battery terminal.

The charger recognizes the nominal voltage of the connected battery (6 V, 12 V or 24 V) and begins the charging process automatically.



At a charge level of approximately 80 - 85 % of the battery voltage, charging unit begins the "Final-charging". The fourth bar is indicated on the display -1-. The battery is now ready to be used.



Note

A successful "service charge" depends on the degree of sulfation on the battery.

Possible malfunctions and how they are handled:

- 1 - Displayed voltage does not match the nominal voltage:
 - Press and hold the appropriate button "Up" or "Down" until the charging process begins.
- 2 - Displayed battery voltage does not match the nominal voltage - the charging process has already begun:
 - Press **START / STOP** twice.
 - Press and hold the appropriate button "Up" or "Down" until the charging process begins.
- 3 - The charger does not recognize a battery, when the battery voltage is less than 2 V:

The display remains unchanged.

The set operating mode and Ampere-hours (Ah) are displayed.

End battery charging process:

- Press **START / STOP**.
- Remove the black charging clamp "-" of the charger from the negative battery terminal.
- Remove the red charging clamp "+" of the charger from the positive battery terminal.
- Pull out the power connector of the charger.

3.2.4 Charging Severely Discharged Batteries using Battery Charger - VAS 5900-



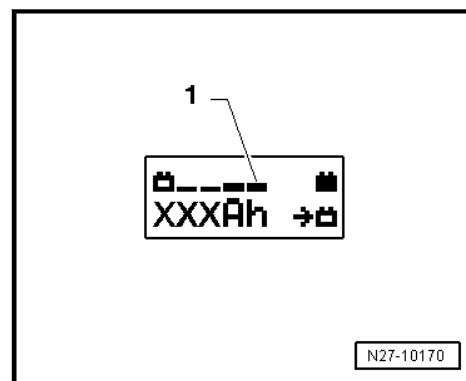
Note

- ◆ *If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.*
- ◆ *Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ➔ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).*
- ◆ *Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ➔ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).*



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ➔ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).





WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.



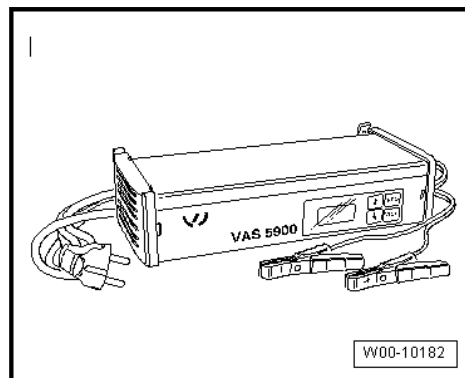
Caution

- ◆ **The polarity protection of the charger clamps is not active in the operation mode "charging severely discharged batteries/Support mode". Connect the charger clamps to the battery terminal clamps correctly according to polarity!**
- ◆ **During the charging process, always set the operation mode corresponding to the battery. Refer to the ➔ Battery Charger - VAS 5900- Operating Instructions !**
- ◆ **The severely discharged battery is not recognized by the charger Refer to ➔ "3.9 Severely Discharged Batteries", page 84 .**
- ◆ **Do not press the START / STOP button when battery cables are connected incorrectly. The charger could get damaged.**

It is not possible for the Battery Charger - VAS 5900- to automatically detect batteries with a voltage under 2 Volts.

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Battery Charger - VAS 5900-



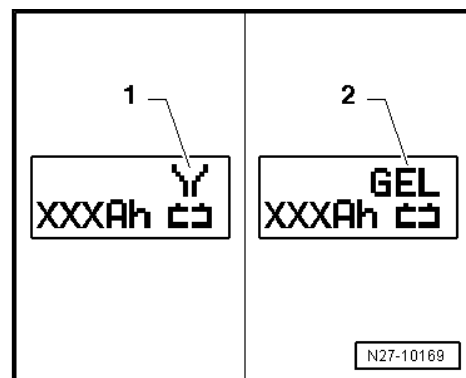
Note

- ◆ **Observe the notes in chapter. Refer to ➔ "3.9 Severely Discharged Batteries", page 84 .**
- ◆ **Severely discharged batteries in vehicles must be replaced prior to delivery. Pre-existing damage cannot be ruled out.**
- ◆ **The battery temperature must be at least 10 °C (50 °F).**
- Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment.

- Plug in the power connector of the charger. The last selected mode is shown on the display. Refer to ➔ [“3.2.1 Battery Charger VAS 5900 Device Description”](#), page 34 .
- Select the applicable battery type using **INFO**.

The symbol -1- for “service charge of wet batteries” or the symbol -2- for “service charge of Gel/AGM batteries” is indicated in the display.

- Set the capacity (Ah) of the battery to be charged with the corresponding button “Up” **↑** or “Down” **↓**.
- Clamp the red charging clamp “+” to the positive battery terminal.



Note

For vehicles with a start/stop function and an installed Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- , the black charging clamp - must be connected to the body ground. The start/stop system will malfunction if it is connected to the negative terminal on the battery.

- Connect the black charging clamp “-” to the negative battery terminal.
- Press **START / STOP** for approximately 5 seconds. The menu selection “charging severely discharged batteries/Support mode” is activated.
- Press the corresponding button “Up” **↑** or “Down” **↓** to set the respective battery voltage (6 V, 12 V or 24 V).



Note

If no button is touched within five seconds, the battery charger will return to the main menu (operating mode selection).

- Confirm the selected battery voltage by pressing the **START / STOP** button.

Then the inquiry about the correct polarity of the charging clamps is made.

- Verify that the charger clamps are connected to the correct polarity.
- Confirm that the charger clamps are connected to the correct terminals by pressing **START / STOP**.

The charger begins charging the severely discharged battery.

End battery charging process:

- Press **START / STOP**.
- Remove the black charging clamp “-” of the charger from the negative battery terminal.
- Remove the red charging clamp “+” of the charger from the positive battery terminal.
- Pull out the power connector of the charger.



3.2.5 Support Mode with Battery Charger - VAS 5900-



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).

General information:

The support mode provides the vehicle electrical system with voltage when the battery is removed or disconnected.

Refer to ⇒ VAS 5900 Operating Instructions for more information.

The support mode is used for the following situations:

- ◆ Vehicle electrical system support mode with the battery not installed
- ◆ Maintaining the voltage when the battery is being replaced
- ◆ Testing without the battery



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions.
Refer to ⇒ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

- Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment.



Caution

- ◆ *The polarity protection of the charger clamps is not active in the operation mode "charging severely discharged batteries/Support mode". Connect the charger clamps to the battery terminal clamps correctly according to polarity!*
- ◆ *It can result in sparks due to short circuit.*
- ◆ *This constitutes an explosion risk.*
- ◆ *Make sure the charger clamps are secure.*
- ◆ *Do not press the **START / STOP** button when battery cables are connected incorrectly. The charger could get damaged.*

- Remove the battery.
- Plug in the power connector of the charger. The last selected mode is shown on the display. Refer to ➔ ["3.2.1 Battery Charger VAS 5900 Device Description", page 34](#).



Caution



Whenever the battery is removed, be careful to prevent contact between the connected charge clamp on the battery positive terminal and the body ground. Likewise prevent contact between the battery terminal clamps.

- Connect the red charging clamp "+" to the vehicle battery positive terminal.



Note

For vehicles with a start/stop function and an installed Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- , the black charging clamp - must be connected to the body ground. The start/stop system will malfunction if it is connected to the negative terminal on the battery.

- Connect the black charging clamp "+" to the vehicle battery negative terminal.
- Press **START / STOP** for approximately 5 seconds. The menu selection "charging severely discharged batteries/Support mode" is activated.
- Press the corresponding button "Up"  or "Down" , to set the respective battery voltage (6 V, 12 V or 24 V).



Note

If no button is touched within five seconds, the battery charger will return to the main menu (operating mode selection).

- Confirm the selected battery voltage by pressing the **START / STOP** button.

Then the inquiry about the correct polarity of the charging clamps is made.



- Verify that the charger clamps are connected to the correct polarity.
- Confirm that the charger clamps are connected to the correct terminals by pressing **START / STOP**.

The battery charger starts the battery support mode.

End the battery support mode:

- Press **START / STOP**.
- Remove the black charging clamp “-” of the charger from the vehicle battery negative terminal clamp.
- Remove the red charging clamp “+” of the charger from the vehicle battery positive terminal clamp.
- Pull out the power connector of the charger.

3.2.6 Maintenance Charging using the Battery Charger - VAS 5900-



Note

- ♦ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ♦ Battery Charger “VAS 5903”. Refer to ➔ [“3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903”, page 54](#).
- ♦ Battery Charger “VAS 5908”. Refer to ➔ [“3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908”, page 70](#).



Note

- ♦ If the battery is discharged by an electrical consumer during maintenance charging, the Battery Charger - VAS 5900- automatically supplies the appropriate charge.
- ♦ Maintenance charging can be performed without time restrictions.
- ♦ The battery can be used constantly.
- ♦ Observe the maintenance notes of the battery manufacturer.



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions.
Refer to ➔ [“1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions”, page 4](#).



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

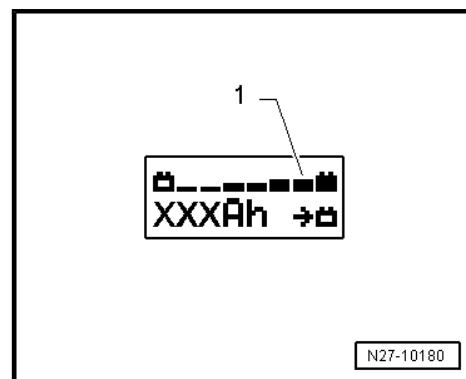
There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

If the battery is fully charged, the Battery Charger - VAS 5900- starts maintenance charging.

- Proceed as when charging the battery. Refer to ➤ [“3.2.2 Charging the battery with the Battery Charger VAS 5900”, page 34](#).

With a charge status of 100 %, all bars are indicated on the display.



3.3 Battery Charger - VAS 5900-

➤ [“3.3.1 General Description - Battery Charger VAS 5900 A”, page 45](#)


➤ [“3.3.2 Charging the Battery using Battery Charger VAS 5900 A”, page 46](#)

➤ [“3.3.3 Charging a Severely Discharged Battery using Battery Charger VAS 5900”, page 48](#)

➤ [“3.3.4 Support Mode using Battery Charger VAS 5900 A”, page 51](#)

➤ [“3.3.5 Power Supply Mode using Battery Charger VAS 5900 A”, page 52](#)

3.3.1 General Description - Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A-



WARNING

Risk of injury! Observe the warnings and safety precautions! Refer to ➤ [“1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions”, page 4](#).

In this chapter, the base functions of the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- are described. Refer to ➤ Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- Operating Instructions for additional information.

Product Characteristics

- ◆ Fully automatic charging with Plug & Charge.
- ◆ Easy user guiding and the highest operation safety due to the animated display. All functions and changing data can be neatly adjusted and read on the display.
- ◆ Self identifying battery voltage code at 6 V, 12 V and 24 V.
- ◆ Robust compact housing with flexible use in the service facility.
- ◆ Connectible charge and bower wires (of different lengths).
- ◆ Edge protection for stability and protection from paint damage.
- ◆ For charging and recharging of standard lead-acid, lead calcium/silver, or AGM batteries (AGM, MF) as well as mainte-



nance-free lead gel batteries without disconnecting from the vehicle floor.

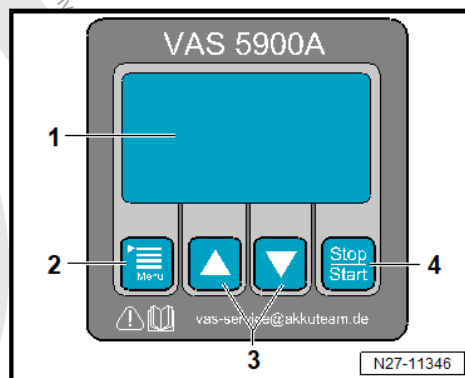
- ◆ Use of batteries with capacities of 3 - 350 Ah.
- ◆ The optional USB interface for software updates of the battery charger assures a long-term and sustainable use.
- ◆ Based on the active inverter technology.
- ◆ Absolute safety for the vehicle, on-board electronics and battery due to electronic security, short circuit protection, electronic reverse polarity protection, safety shutdown and thermal overload protection.

Applications

- ◆ Charging: automatically charging and checking of parallel consumer during the limited service time.
- ◆ Diagnostic and software update: the buffer mode provided the parallel consumers with energy during the diagnosis and software updates.
- ◆ Replacing a battery: the support mode is responsible for maintains the user settings in the vehicle when replacing a battery.
- ◆ Power supply mode guarantees an external electricity supply without the support of the battery.
- ◆ Refresh mode regulated severely discharged batteries.

Control head on Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A-

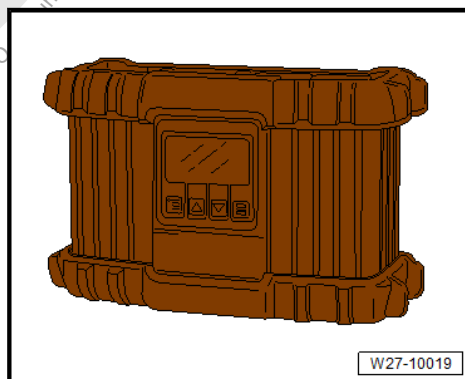
- 1 - Graphic Display
- 2 - Menu Button
- 3 - Up/Down Button
- 4 - Stop/Start Button



3.3.2 Charging the Battery using Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A-

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Battery Charger - VAS 5900-



Procedure

- Connect the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- to the power supply.



The charging mode is available after connecting the charger to the power supply.

- Use the **Menu** button to select the Ah or the battery type.
- Enter the value (for example 100 Ah or battery type wet) using the **Up/Down** button.
- Connect the red cable of the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- to the battery positive terminal.

Battery, removed

- Connect the black cable of the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- to the battery negative terminal.

Battery installed in the vehicle

- Connect the black charging cable from the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- with the battery installed to the specified negative jumper cable post.

The charger detects the connected battery automatically and starts the charging process after 5 seconds.

If the battery voltage is not correctly detected for example a severely discharged battery, select the battery voltage within 5 seconds as follows:

- Adjust the correct battery voltage with the **Up/Down** buttons.



Note

To prevent damage to the components, always pay attention to the correct adjustment of the battery voltage.

- Confirm the selection with the **Stop/Start** button.

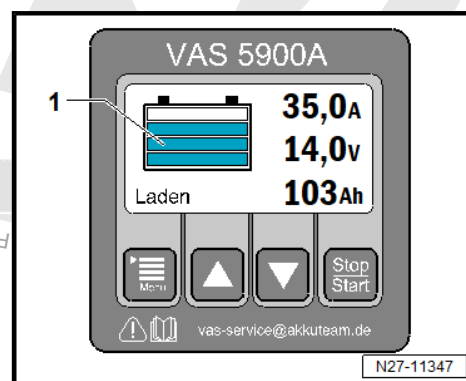
If the selection screen for the battery voltage does not appear, the battery is severely discharged. In the case of a severely discharged battery, perform with the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- . Refer to ➤ ["3.3.3 Charging a Severely Discharged Battery using Battery Charger VAS 5900", page 48](#) .



Note

Do not disconnect the charging cable during the charge mode. There is a risk of damaging the connection flange and connector.

The rising bars -1- show the charge level of the battery, for example three bars symbolize a charge level of 80 %.





If all four bars -1- are displayed for a long time, the charge level is 100 %.

The battery can remain connected on the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- .

If necessary, interrupt/continue the charging process

- Press the **Stop/Start** button, to interrupt the charging process.
- Press the **Stop/Start** button, to continue the charging process.

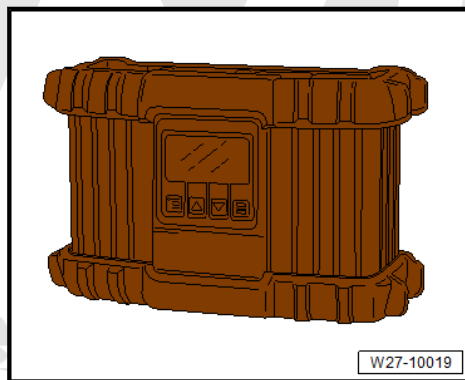
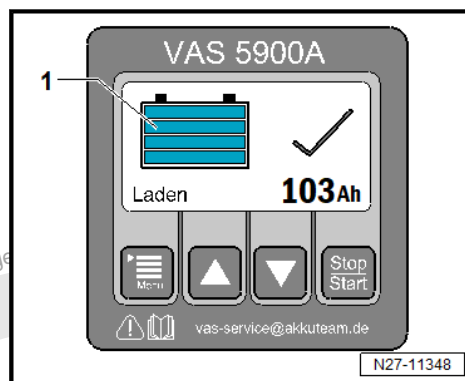
Charging process, ending

- Press the **Stop/Start** button, to end the charging process.
- Disconnect the red charging cable from the positive terminal on the battery.
- Disconnect the black charging cable from the negative terminal of the battery or the jumper cable post.

3.3.3 Charging a Severely Discharged Battery using Battery Charger - VAS 5900-

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ♦ Battery Charger - VAS 5900-



The refresh mode serves to charge the battery, if long term severely discharge is detected (for example sulfated battery).



WARNING

Risk of injury! Pay attention to all warnings and safety precautions. Refer to ➔ "1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4 .



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.



Caution

- ◆ *The polarity protection of the charger clamps is not active in the operation mode "charging severely discharged batteries/Support mode". Connect the charger clamps to the battery terminal clamps correctly according to polarity!*
- ◆ *During the charging process, always set the operation mode corresponding with the battery. Refer to the ➔ Battery Charger - VAS 5900- Operating Instructions !*
- ◆ *The severely discharged battery is not recognized by the charger. Refer to ➔ **"3.9 Severely Discharged Batteries", page 84** .*
- ◆ *Do not press the **START/STOP** button when battery cables are connected incorrectly. The charger could get damaged.*



Caution

Refresh charging mode is not permitted for VW vehicles, because voltage surges can damage the on-board electronics.
If the refresh charge mode is used anyway, then the battery must be separated from the vehicle electrical system.

It is not possible for the Battery Charger - VAS 5900- to automatically detect batteries with a voltage under 2 Volts.

Procedure



Note

- ◆ *Note the information in the chapter. Refer to ➔ **"3.9 Severely Discharged Batteries", page 84** .*
- ◆ *The battery temperature must be at least 10 °C (50 °F).*
- Remove the battery. Refer to ➔ Electrical Equipment; Rep. Gr. 27 ; Battery; Battery, Removing and Installing .
- Connect the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- to the power supply.
- Select the refresh mode using the **Up/Down** buttons.
- Use the **Menu** button to select the Ah or the battery type.
- Enter the value (for example 100 Ah or battery type wet) using the **Up/Down** button.
- Connect the red cable of the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- to the battery positive terminal.
- Connect the black cable of the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- to the battery negative terminal.

The charger detects the connected battery automatically and starts the charging process after 5 seconds.

If the battery voltage is not correctly detected for example a severely discharged battery, select the battery voltage within 5 seconds as follows:

- Adjust the correct battery voltage with the **Up/Down** buttons.



Note

To prevent damage to the components, always pay attention to the correct adjustment of the battery voltage.

- Confirm the selection with the **Stop/Start** button.

If the selection screen for the battery voltage does not appear, the battery with a voltage under 2 volt is severely discharged. A corresponding warning appears.

If the battery charge is desired despite a severely discharged battery.

- Confirm the OK button with the **Stop/Start** button.
- In the displayed selection menu, adjust the correct battery voltage with the **Up/Down** buttons.



Note

To prevent damage to the components, always pay attention to the correct adjustment of the battery voltage.

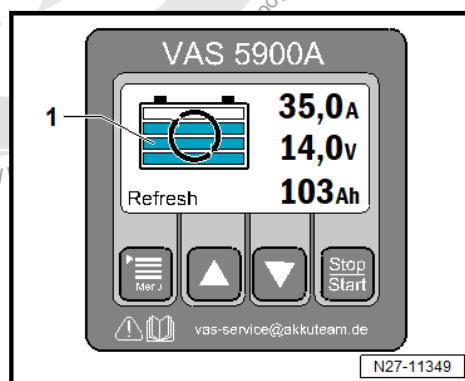
- Confirm the selection with the **Stop/Start** button.



Note

Do not disconnect the charging cable during the charge mode. There is a risk of damaging the connection flange and connector.

The rising bars -1- show the charge level of the battery, for example three bars symbolize a charge level of 80 %.



If all four bars -1- are displayed for a long time, the charge level is 100 %.

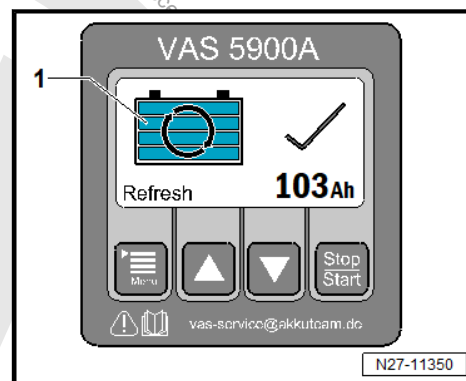
The battery can remain connected on the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- .

If necessary, interrupt/continue the refresh charging process

- Press the **Stop/Start** button, to interrupt the charging process.
- Press the **Stop/Start** button, to continue the charging process.

Refresh charging process, ending

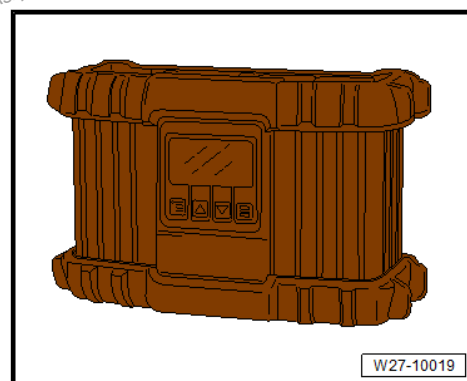
- Press the **Stop/Start** button, to end the charging process.
- Disconnect the red charging cable from the positive terminal on the battery.
- Disconnect the black charging cable from the negative terminal on the battery.



3.3.4 Support Mode using Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A-

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Battery Charger - VAS 5900-



The support mode is used for discharging the battery during the diagnostic or a software update of the vehicle. For a long time, the extracted current must be lower than the maximum output current of the charger, otherwise the battery will be discharged. The support mode is suitable for a not full charged battery.

Procedure

- Connect the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- to the power supply.
- Select the support mode using the **Up/Down** buttons.
- Connect the red cable of the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- to the battery positive terminal.
- Connect the black charging cable from the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- to the specified negative jumper cable post.

The charger detects the connected battery automatically and starts the charging process after 5 seconds.

If the battery voltage is not correctly detected for example a severely discharged battery, select the battery voltage within 5 seconds as follows:

- Adjust the correct battery voltage with the **Up/Down** buttons.



Note

To prevent damage to the components, always pay attention to the correct adjustment of the battery voltage.

- Confirm the selection with the **Stop/Start** button.

If the selection screen for the battery voltage does not appear, the battery with a voltage under 2 volt is severely discharged. In this case the support mode is not permitted. Replacing the battery is recommended.



Note

Do not disconnect the charging cable during the support mode. There is a risk of damaging the connection flange and connector.

If necessary, interrupt/continue the support mode

- Press the **Stop/Start** button, to interrupt the support mode.
- Press the **Stop/Start** button, to continue the support mode.

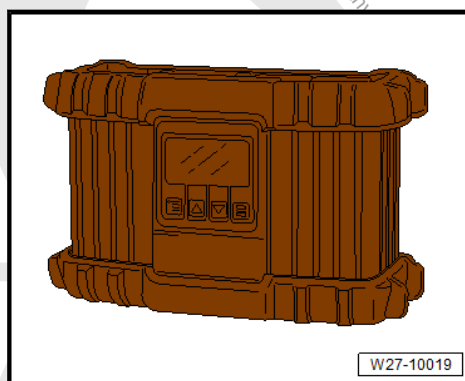
Ending support mode

- Press the **Stop/Start** button, to end the support mode.
- Disconnect the red charging cable from the positive terminal on the battery.
- Disconnect the black charging cable from the negative jumper cable post.

3.3.5 Power Supply Mode using Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A-

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ♦ Battery Charger - VAS 5900-



The power supply operating mode links the voltage supplied of the on-board electronics with the battery removed. Because only the battery cable of the vehicle on the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- is connected, the function of the battery voltage detection is not available.

Procedure

- Connect the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- to the power supply.



- Select the power supply operating mode using the **Up/Down** buttons.
- Adjust the electrical system voltage of the vehicle using the **Menu** button.



Note

To prevent damage to the components, always pay attention to the correct adjustment of the electrical system voltage.

- Connect the red cable of the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- to the positive battery wire of the vehicle.
- Connect the black cable of the Battery Charger - VAS 5900 A- to the negative battery wire of the vehicle.



Caution

Make sure that on a removed be careful the positive terminal charging clamp does not contact the body ground.

The contact of the battery terminal clamps with each other must be prevented.

- Start the power supply operating mode using the **Stop/Start** button.

The display shows a safety prompt, if the charging cable is connected correctly.

- Using the **Stop/Start** button the confirmation prompt confirms and the external power supply of the vehicle electronic is started.

Power supply operating mode, ending

- Press the **Stop/Start** button to end the power supply mode.
- Disconnect the red charging cable from the positive battery cable of the vehicle.
- Disconnect the black charging cable from the negative battery cable of the vehicle.



3.4 Battery Charger - VAS 5903-

⇒ [“3.4.1 Battery Charger VAS 5903 Device Description”, page 55](#)

⇒ [“3.4.2 Charging the Battery using Battery Charger VAS 5903”, page 55](#)

⇒ [“3.4.3 Refresh Charging using Battery Charger VAS 5903”, page 58](#)

⇒ [“3.4.4 Charging a Severely Discharged Battery using Battery Charger VAS 5903”, page 60](#)

⇒ [“3.4.5 Support Mode using Battery Charger VAS 5903”, page 63](#)

⇒ [“3.4.6 Battery Charger VAS 5903 Maintenance Charging”, page 65](#)



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger “VAS 5903”. Refer to ⇒ [3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903”, page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger “VAS 5908”. Refer to ⇒ [3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908”, page 70](#).



WARNING

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WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

In this chapter, the base functions of the Battery Charger - VAS 5903- are described. Refer to ⇒ Battery Charger - VAS 5903- Operating Instructions for additional information.



Note

Refer to ⇒ *Battery Charger - VAS 5903- Operating Instructions*.



3.4.1 Battery Charger - VAS 5903- Device Description



Note

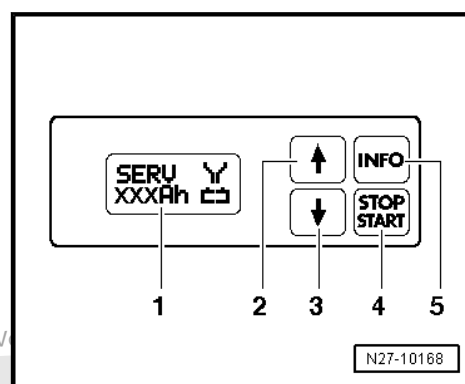
- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions must be performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ➔ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ➔ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).

The charge current of the charger is 70 A.

The Battery Charger - VAS 5903- is designed to charge all 12 V batteries in the VW group.

Battery Charger - VAS 5903-

- 1 - Display
- 2 - Adjustment button "Up" ↑
- 3 - Adjustment button "Down" ↓
- 4 - START / STOP
- 5 - INFO



3.4.2 Charging the Battery using Battery Charger - VAS 5903-



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ➔ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ➔ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).



WARNING

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Refer to ➔ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).



WARNING

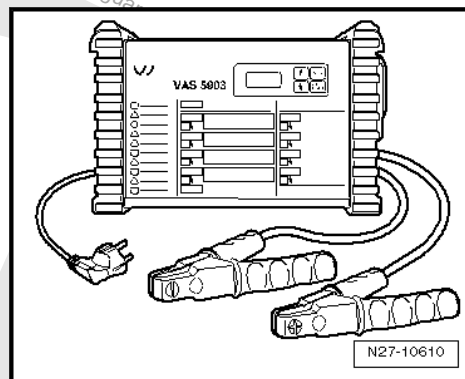
Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Battery Charger - VAS 5903-



Note

The battery temperature must be at least 10 °C (50 °F).

- Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment.
- Plug in the power connector of the charger. The last selected mode is shown on the display. Refer to ["3.4.1 Battery Charger VAS 5903 Device Description", page 55](#).
- Select applicable battery type using **INFO**.

The symbol -1- for "standard charge of wet batteries" or the symbol -2- for "standard charge of Gel/AGM batteries" is shown in the display.

- Set the capacity (Ah) of the battery to be charged with the corresponding button "Up" or "Down" .
- Clamp the red charging clamp "+" to the positive battery terminal.

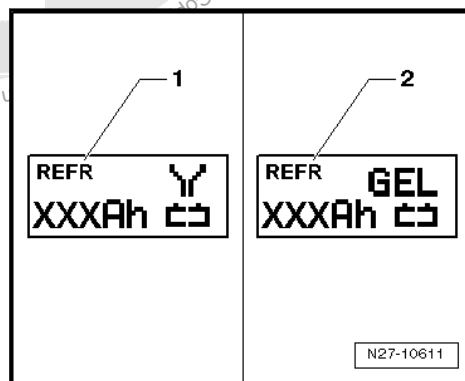


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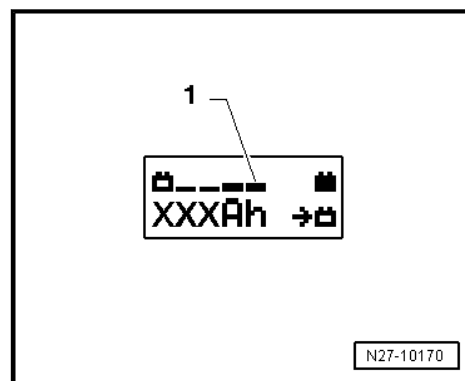
For vehicles with a start/stop function and an installed Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- , the black charging clamp - must be connected to the body ground. The start/stop system will malfunction if it is connected to the negative terminal on the battery.

- Connect the black charging clamp "-" to the negative battery terminal.

The charger recognizes the nominal voltage of the connected battery (6 V, 12 V or 24 V) and begins the charging process automatically.



At a charge level of approximately 80 - 85 %, the charging unit begins the "Final-charging". The fourth bar is indicated on the display -1-. The battery is now ready to be used.

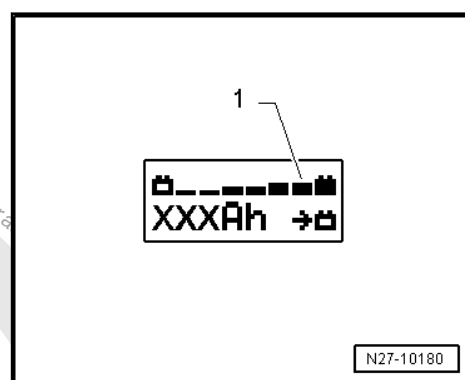


With a charge status of 100 %, all bars are indicated on the display.



Note

- ◆ With the battery type "standard charge", parallel operation of electrical consumers during the charging process is possible. The charging time is lengthened by this.
- ◆ Depending on battery type, the charger switches over to sustain charging after approximately 1-7 hours. To achieve a 100 % charge status, the battery should remain connected to the charger for that long.



Possible malfunctions and how they are handled:

- 1 - Displayed voltage does not match the nominal voltage:
 - Press and hold the appropriate button "Up" ↑ or "Down" ↓ until the charging process begins.
- 2 - Displayed battery voltage does not match rated voltage - charging process has already begun:
 - Press **START / STOP** twice.
 - Press and hold the appropriate button "Up" ↑ or "Down" ↓ until the charging process begins again.
- 3 - The charger does not recognize a battery, when the battery voltage is less than 2 V:

The display remains unchanged.

The selected battery type and Ampere hours (Ah) are displayed.

End battery charging process:

- Press **START / STOP**.
- Remove the black charging clamp "-" of the charger from the negative battery terminal.
- Remove the red charging clamp "+" of the charger from the positive battery terminal.
- Pull out the power connector of the charger.



3.4.3 Refresh Charging using Battery Charger - VAS 5903-



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ➔ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.



Caution

"Refresh charging" mode is not permitted for VW vehicles, because voltage surges can damage the on-board electronics.

If "Refresh charging" mode is still used, the battery must always be separated from the vehicle electrical system.



Caution

During the charging process, always set the operation mode corresponding with the battery. Refer to the ➔ [Battery Charger - VAS 5903- Operating Instructions](#) !

"Refresh charging" is suitable for:

- ◆ **Wet batteries, which can be refilled with distilled water.**

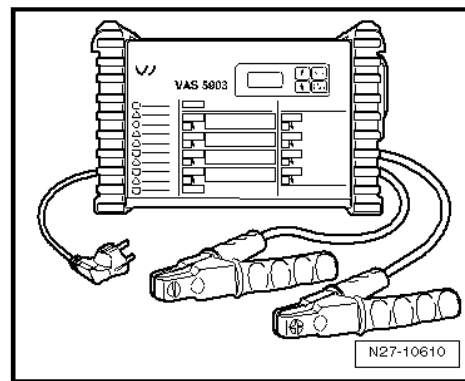
Do not use "Refresh charging" mode on maintenance-free wet batteries.

"Refresh charging (Refr)" mode is only used on batteries that are possibly defective (for example, sulfation). The battery is then charged to the maximum specific gravity of the electrolyte and the plates are reactivated (removal of sulfation layer).

Special tools and workshop equipment required



◆ Battery Charger - VAS 5900-



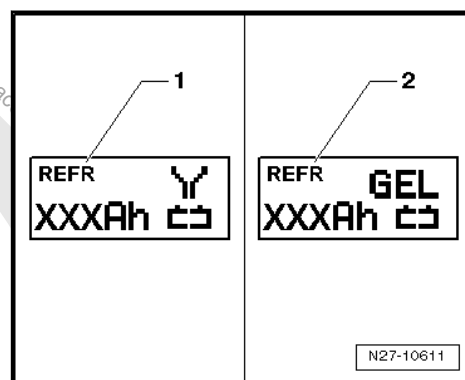
Note

The battery temperature must be at least 10 °C (50 °F).

- Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment.
- Plug in the power connector of the charger. The last selected mode is shown on the display. Refer to ➤ [“3.4.1 Battery Charger VAS 5903 Device Description” page 55](#).
- Select applicable battery type using **INFO**.

The symbol -1- for “refresh - charging wet batteries” or the symbol -2- for “refresh - charging of Gel/AGM batteries” is indicated in the display.

- Set the capacity (Ah) of the battery to be charged with the corresponding button “Up” or “Down” .
- Clamp the red charging clamp “+” to the positive battery terminal.



Note

For vehicles with a start/stop function and an installed Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- , the black charging clamp - must be connected to the body ground. The start/stop system will malfunction if it is connected to the negative terminal on the battery.

- Connect the black charging clamp “-” to the negative battery terminal.

The charger recognizes the nominal voltage of the connected battery (6 V, 12 V or 24 V) and begins the charging process automatically.





At a charge level of approximately 80 - 85 % of the battery voltage, charging unit begins the "Final-charging". The fourth bar is indicated on the display -1-. The battery is now ready to be used.



Note

A successful "Refresh charge" depends on the degree of sulfation on the battery.

Possible malfunctions and how they are handled:

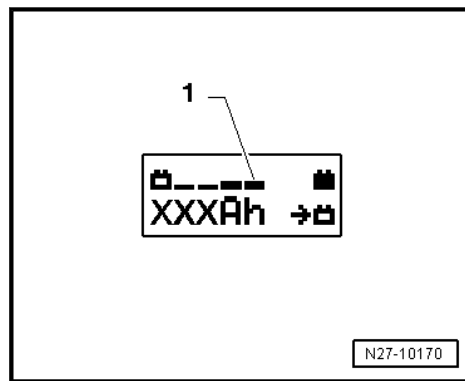
- 1 - Displayed voltage does not match the nominal voltage:
 - Press and hold the appropriate button "Up" or "Down" until the charging process begins.
- 2 - Displayed battery voltage does not match rated voltage - charging process has already begun:
 - Press **START / STOP** twice.
 - Press and hold the appropriate button "Up" or "Down" until the charging process begins.
- 3 - The charger does not recognize a battery, when the battery voltage is less than 2 V:

The display remains unchanged.

The set operating mode and Ampere-hours (Ah) are displayed.

End battery charging process:

- Press **START / STOP**.
- Remove the black charging clamp "-" of the charger from the negative battery terminal.
- Remove the red charging clamp "+" of the charger from the positive battery terminal.
- Pull out the power connector of the charger.



3.4.4 Charging a Severely Discharged Battery using Battery Charger - VAS 5903-



Note

- ◆ *If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.*
- ◆ *Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).*
- ◆ *Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).*



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ⇒ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.



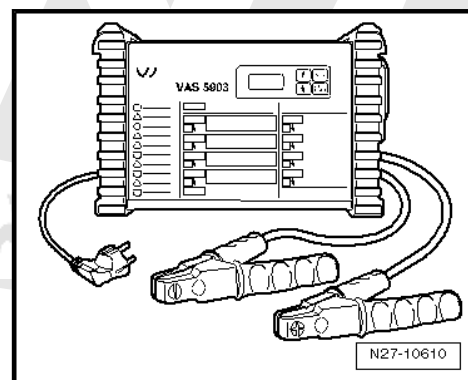
Caution

- ◆ *The polarity protection of the charger clamps is not active in the operation mode "charging severely discharged batteries/Support mode". Connect the charger clamps to the battery terminal clamps correctly according to polarity!*
- ◆ *During the charging process, always set the operation mode corresponding with the battery. Refer to the ⇒ Battery Charger - VAS 5903- Operating Instructions !*
- ◆ *The severely discharged battery is not recognized by the charger Refer to ⇒ **"3.9 Severely Discharged Batteries", page 84** .*
- ◆ *Do not press the **START / STOP** button when battery cables are connected incorrectly. The charger could get damaged.*

It is not possible for the Battery Charger - VAS 5903- to automatically detect batteries with a voltage under 2 Volts.

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Battery Charger - VAS 5903-



Note

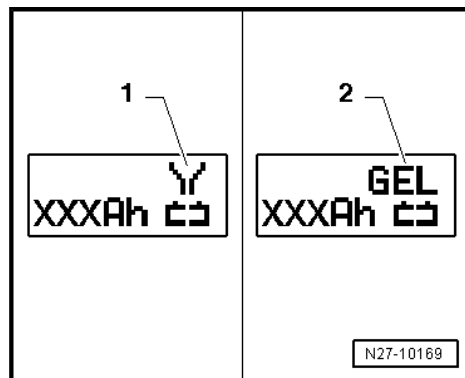
- ◆ *Observe the notes in chapter. Refer to ⇒ **"3.9 Severely Discharged Batteries", page 84** .*
- ◆ *Severely discharged batteries in vehicles must be replaced prior to delivery. Pre-existing damage cannot be ruled out.*
- ◆ *The battery temperature must be at least 10 °C (50 °F).*
- Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment.



- Plug in the power connector of the charger. The last selected mode is shown on the display. Refer to ➔ [“3.4.1 Battery Charger VAS 5903 Device Description”, page 55](#).
- Select applicable battery type using **INFO**.

The symbol -1- for “service charge of wet batteries” or the symbol -2- for “service charge of Gel/AGM batteries” is indicated in the display.

- Set the capacity (Ah) of the battery to be charged with the corresponding button “Up” **↑** or “Down” **↓**.
- Clamp the red charging clamp “+” to the positive battery terminal.



Note

For vehicles with a start/stop function and an installed Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- , the black charging clamp - must be connected to the body ground. The start/stop system will malfunction if it is connected to the negative terminal on the battery.

- Connect the black charging clamp “-” to the negative battery terminal.
- Press **START / STOP** for approximately 5 seconds. The menu selection “charging severely discharged batteries/Support mode” is activated.
- Press the corresponding button “Up” **↑** or “Down” **↓**, to set the respective battery voltage (6 V, 12 V or 24 V).



Note

If no button is touched within five seconds, the battery charger will return to the main menu (operating mode selection).

- Confirm the selected battery voltage by pressing the **START / STOP** button.

Then the inquiry about the correct polarity of the charging clamps is made.

- Verify that the charger clamps are connected to the correct polarity.
- Confirm that the charger clamps are connected to the correct terminals by pressing **START / STOP**.

The charger begins charging the severely discharged battery.

End battery charging process:

- Press **START / STOP**.
- Remove the black charging clamp “-” of the charger from the negative battery terminal.
- Remove the red charging clamp “+” of the charger from the positive battery terminal.
- Pull out the power connector of the charger.



3.4.5 Support Mode using Battery Charger - VAS 5903-



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ➔ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ➔ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).

General information:

The support mode provides the vehicle electrical system with voltage when the battery is removed or disconnected.

For more information, refer to the ➔ Battery Charger VAS 5903 Operating Instructions.

The support mode is used for the following situations:

- ◆ Vehicle electrical system support mode with the battery not installed
- ◆ Maintaining the voltage when the battery is being replaced
- ◆ Testing without the battery



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ➔ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).



WARNING

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There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

- Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment.



Caution

- ◆ *The polarity protection of the charger clamps is not active in the operation mode "charging severely discharged batteries/Support mode". Connect the charger clamps to the battery terminal clamps correctly according to polarity!*
- ◆ *It can result in sparks due to short circuit.*
- ◆ *This constitutes an explosion risk.*
- ◆ *Make sure the charger clamps are secure.*
- ◆ *Do not press the **START / STOP** button when battery cables are connected incorrectly. The charger could get damaged.*

- Remove the battery.
- Plug in the power connector of the charger. The last selected mode is shown on the display. Refer to ➔ ["3.2.1 Battery Charger VAS 5900 Device Description", page 34](#) .



Caution



Whenever the battery is removed, be careful to prevent contact between the connected charge clamp on the battery positive terminal and the body ground. Likewise prevent contact between the battery terminal clamps.

- Connect the red charging clamp "+" to the vehicle battery positive terminal.



Note

For vehicles with a start/stop function and an installed Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- , the black charging clamp - must be connected to the body ground. The start/stop system will malfunction if it is connected to the negative terminal on the battery.

- Connect the black charging clamp "+" to the vehicle battery negative terminal.
- Press **START / STOP** for approximately 5 seconds. The menu selection "charging severely discharged batteries/Support mode" is activated.
- Press the corresponding button "Up"  or "Down" , to set the respective battery voltage (6 V, 12 V or 24 V).



Note

If no button is touched within five seconds, the battery charger will return to the main menu (operating mode selection).

- Confirm the selected battery voltage by pressing the **START / STOP** button.

Then the inquiry about the correct polarity of the charging clamps is made.



- Verify that the charger clamps are connected to the correct polarity.
- Confirm that the charger clamps are connected to the correct terminals by pressing **[START / STOP]**.

The battery charger starts the battery support mode.

End the battery support mode:

- Press **[START / STOP]**.
- Remove the black charging clamp “-” of the charger from the vehicle battery negative terminal clamp.
- Remove the red charging clamp “+” of the charger from the vehicle battery positive terminal clamp.
- Pull out the power connector of the charger.

3.4.6 Battery Charger - VAS 5903- Maintenance Charging



Note

- ◆ *If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.*
- ◆ *Battery Charger “VAS 5903”. Refer to ➔ [“3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903”, page 54](#).*
- ◆ *Battery Charger “VAS 5908”. Refer to ➔ [“3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908”, page 70](#).*



Note

- ◆ *If the battery is discharged by an electrical consumer during maintenance charging, the Battery Charger - VAS 5903- automatically supplies the appropriate charge.*
- ◆ *Maintenance charging can be performed without time restrictions.*
- ◆ *The battery can be used constantly.*
- ◆ *Observe the maintenance notes of the battery manufacturer.*



WARNING

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Refer to ➔ [“1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions”, page 4](#).



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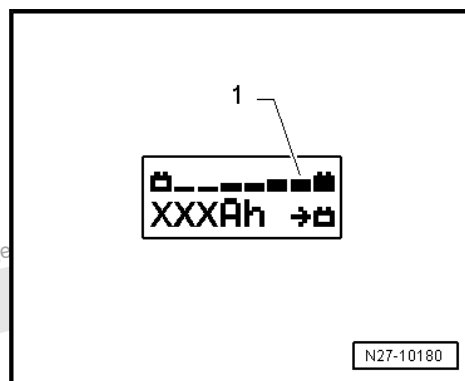
These batteries must be replaced.



If the battery is fully charged, the Battery Charger - VAS 5903- starts maintenance charging.

- Proceed as when charging the battery. Refer to ➤ [“3.4.2 Charging the Battery using Battery Charger VAS 5903”, page 55](#) .

With a charge status of 100 %, all bars are indicated on the display.



3.5 Battery Charger - VAS 5906-

⇒ [“3.5.1 General Description”, page 67](#)

⇒ [“3.5.2 Battery, Charging with Battery Charger VAS 5906 ”, page 68](#)

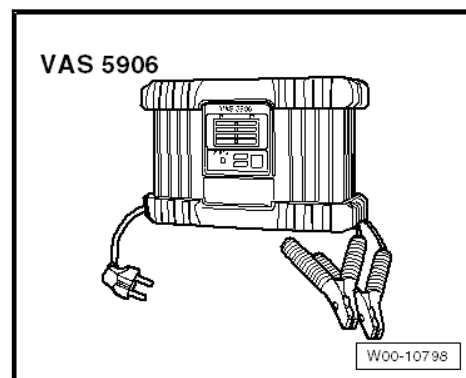
3.5.1 General Description

Battery Charger - VAS 5906-



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger “VAS 5903”. Refer to ⇒ [“3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903 ”, page 54](#) .
- ◆ Battery Charger “VAS 5908”. Refer to ⇒ [“3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908 ”, page 70](#) .



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ⇒ [“1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions”, page 4](#) .



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

The charge current of the charger is 30 A.

The Battery Charger - VAS 5906- was developed especially for charging the vehicle electrical system while the vehicle is on display.

It supplies an automatic charging characteristic of 3 - 300 Ah for starter batteries.

The 14.4 V maximum charging voltage is not exceeded. All electrical consumers will be supported with up to 30 A by the support charging.

After the battery is completely charged, the Battery Charger - VAS 5906- switches to maintenance charging for long-term operation.

The unit starts automatically and does not require any adjustments. Only the charging terminals and the network cable need to be connected.

For more information refer to the ⇒ Battery Charger VAS 5906 Operating Instructions .



3.5.2 Battery, Charging with Battery Charger - VAS 5906-



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).



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Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

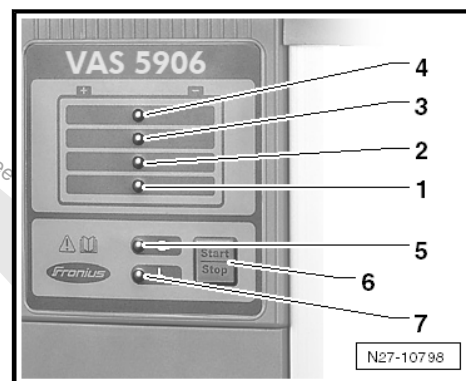
These batteries must be replaced.





Control panel overview:

- 1 - 25% charge display
- 2 - 50% charge display.
- 3 - 75% charge display.
- 4 - 100% charge display.
- 5 - Ready-to-use display
- 6 - Pushing the **Start/Stop** and setup buttons will stop and start the charging process. Enter into the setup menu and select characteristic line type (hold for 10 seconds)
- 7 - Display malfunction
 - Position the battery charger inside the engine compartment or under the vehicle.
 - Connect the power cable to the battery charger and then connect it to power.



When the battery charger is in idle - the ready-to-use lights up.



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ➔ "1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4 .

- Switch off the ignition.
- Connect the red charging cable to the positive terminal "+" on the battery.



Note

For vehicles with a start/stop function and an installed Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- , the black charging clamp - must be connected to the body ground. The start/stop system will malfunction if it is connected to the negative terminal on the battery.

- Connect the black charging cable to the negative terminal "-" on the battery.

The charging process starts after approximately 2 seconds.

The movement of the LEDs show the battery charge level.
When all the lamps illuminate, the battery is charged.

When the battery is completely charged, the Battery Charger - VAS 5906- automatically switches to maintenance charging.



Caution

Sparks can result if the charging terminals are removed too early. Confirm the charging process by pressing the **START/STOP button.**

- Press the **START/STOP** button to end the charging.
- Disconnect the black charging cable from the negative terminal "-" on the battery.



- Disconnect the red charging cable from the positive terminal “+” on the battery.

3.6 Battery Charger - VAS 5908-

⇒ [“3.6.1 General Description - Battery Charger VAS 5908 ”, page 70](#)

⇒ [“3.6.2 Auto Mode with Battery Charger VAS 5908 ”, page 71](#)

⇒ [“3.6.3 Battery, Charging with Battery Charger VAS 5908 ”, page 73](#)

⇒ [“3.6.4 Support Mode with Battery Charger VAS 5908 ”, page 75](#)

⇒ [“3.6.5 VAS I-CHECK Current Draw Test with Battery Charger VAS 5908 ”, page 77](#)

3.6.1 General Description - Battery Charger - VAS 5908-



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger “VAS 5903”. Refer to ⇒ [“3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903 ”, page 54](#).
- ◆ Battery Charger “VAS 5908”. Refer to ⇒ [“3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908 ”, page 70](#).

The Battery Charger - VAS 5908- has the following modes available:

- ◆ **AUTO MODE**, maintenance charging with automatic load detection (battery or consumer). Refer to ⇒ [“3.6.2 Auto Mode with Battery Charger VAS 5908 ”, page 71](#)
- ◆ **CHARGING MODE**, battery charging with adjustable parameters. Refer to ⇒ [“3.6.3 Battery, Charging with Battery Charger VAS 5908 ”, page 73](#)
- ◆ **FSV MODE**, FSV (external power supply), backup power supply. Refer to ⇒ [“3.6.4 Support Mode with Battery Charger VAS 5908 ”, page 75](#)
- ◆ **I-CHECK**, current draw test with shorted cell testing. Refer to ⇒ [“3.6.5 VAS I-CHECK Current Draw Test with Battery Charger VAS 5908 ”, page 77](#)

Technical Data

- ◆ Input voltage: 100-240 VAC
- ◆ Output voltage 14.4 VDC (13.2 VDC retention charge)
- ◆ Charge current: 90 A (max. 105 A)
- ◆ Weight: 8.2 kg (18.08 lbs)

Replacement Parts

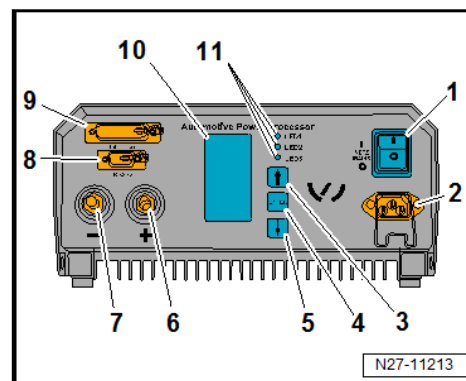
- ◆ Charging Cable 5m (16.4 feet) - VAS 5908/1-
- ◆ Charger Coupling - VAS 5908/2-

Refer to ⇒ Battery Charger - VAS 5908- Operating Instructions for more information.



Device Overview - Battery Charger - VAS 5908-

- 1 - "ON/OFF" Voltage Switch
- 2 - Power Supply Cable Connection
- 3 - ▲ Up Button for Menu Selection
- 4 - ENTER Button for Menu Selection or Starting
- 5 - ▼ Down Button for Menu Selection
- 6 - + Battery Charging Clamp Connection (Red Pliers)
- 7 - - Battery Charging Clamp Connection (Black Pliers)
- 8 - Communication Interface RS232, 9-Pin
- 9 - Signal Interface, 25-Pin
- 10 - Menu Selection Display
- 11 - LED Display for displaying operation and device status



LED display -11-

The LED display on the front side of the device is to signal the operation and device status. The meaning of green, yellow, blinking red or illuminated LEDs in the different operating conditions is listed in a table. Refer to ⇒ Battery Charger - VAS 5908- Operating Manual, 8) LED and remote indicator index .

Device menu

Various parameters and default settings to ensure the measured values and the conditions for switching the Battery Charger - VAS 5908- on and off can be set in the device menu.

- Switch the Battery Charger - VAS 5908- on.
- With the ▲▼ buttons, select the »MENU« line and confirm with the ENTER button.
- With the ▲▼ buttons, select the »DEVICE MENU« line and confirm with the ENTER button.

Refer to ⇒ Battery Charger - VAS 5908- Operating Instructions for more information on the device menu.

3.6.2 Auto Mode with Battery Charger - VAS 5908-



Note

- ◆ If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5903". Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#) .
- ◆ Battery Charger "VAS 5908". Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#) .

The »AUTO MODE« serves to maintain the voltage in the vehicle electrical system (retention charge) during flashing or diagnostic procedures, for example. With integrated load detection, the Battery Charger - VAS 5908- recognizes if a battery or an electrical consumer is connected with resistive load when in »AUTO MODE«.



Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Battery Charger - VAS 5908-




Starting power supply



Note

If the charging clamps are connected to an electrical consumer or a battery before turning on the charger, the Battery Charger - VAS 5908- will start automatically after turning it on with maintenance charging in »AUTO MODE«.


- Switch the Battery Charger - VAS 5908- on.
- With the  buttons, select **AUTO MODE** and confirm with the **ENTER** button.
- Connect the red charging clamp “+” to the vehicle battery positive terminal.



Note

- ◆ *On vehicles with a Start/Stop system and an installed Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- , the black charge terminal “-” must be connected to the body ground.*
- ◆ *When connecting to the battery negative terminal, the Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- is bypassed. Malfunctions in the Start/Stop System may be the result.*
- On vehicles with a Start/Stop System, connect the black charging clamp “-” to the body ground.
- On vehicles without a Start/Stop System, connect the black charging clamp “-” to the vehicle battery negative terminal.

OR

- Connect the charging clamps on the electrical equipment with an resistive load.
- Select **START** in the menu using the  buttons and confirm with **ENTER** to start the supply.



Note

The Battery Charger - VAS 5908- automatically adapts to the thresholds of power and voltage for the auto mode.



Ending supply

- Select **STOP** in the menu using the **▲▼** buttons and confirm with **ENTER** to stop the supply.
- Switch the Battery Charger - VAS 5908- off.
- Disconnect the black charging clamp “-” on the battery charger from the vehicle battery negative terminal or from the electrical equipment.
- Disconnect the red charging clamp “+” on the battery charger from the vehicle battery positive terminal or from the electrical equipment.
- Remove the power supply plug.

3.6.3 Battery, Charging with Battery Charger - VAS 5908-



Note

- ◆ *If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.*
- ◆ *Battery Charger “VAS 5903”. Refer to ⇒ [“3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903”, page 54](#).*
- ◆ *Battery Charger “VAS 5908”. Refer to ⇒ [“3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908”, page 70](#).*



WARNING

Risk of injury! Pay attention to all warnings and safety precautions. Refer to ⇒ [“1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions”, page 4](#).



WARNING

Do not check or charge a Battery - A- when the visual indicator has »no color or is bright yellow«. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.



Note

- ◆ *Note the information in the chapter on »severely discharged batteries«. Refer to ⇒ [“3.9 Severely Discharged Batteries”, page 84](#).*
- ◆ *Severely discharged batteries in vehicles must be replaced prior to delivery. Pre-existing damage cannot be ruled out.*
- ◆ *The battery temperature must be at least 10 °C (50 °F).*
- ◆ *The minimum voltage “Uesp” of the battery to be charged must be at least 5 V.*



Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Battery Charger - VAS 5908-




Battery, Charging

- Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment and remove the key.
- Switch the Battery Charger - VAS 5908- on.
- Connect the red charging clamp "+" to the vehicle battery positive terminal.



Note

- ◆ On vehicles with a Start/Stop system and an installed Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- , the black charge terminal "-" must be connected to the body ground.
- ◆ When connecting to the battery negative terminal, the Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- is bypassed. Malfunctions in the Start/Stop System may be the result.
- On vehicles with a Start/Stop System, connect the black charging clamp "-" to the body ground.
- On vehicles without a Start/Stop System, connect the black charging clamp "-" to the vehicle battery negative terminal.
- With the  buttons, select **CHARGE MODE** and confirm with the **ENTER** button.



Note

- ◆ The Battery Charger - VAS 5908- automatically adapts to the thresholds of power and voltage for the charge mode.
- ◆ If necessary, preset the different thresholds for power and voltage in the charging menu. Refer to [⇒ page 75](#) .

End battery charging process

- Switch the Battery Charger - VAS 5908- off.
- Disconnect the black charging clamp "-" on the battery charger from the vehicle battery negative terminal.
- Disconnect the red charging clamp "+" on the battery charger from the vehicle battery positive terminal.
- Remove the power supply plug.



Note

After the battery is completely charged, the Battery Charger - VAS 5906- automatically switches to maintenance charging for long-term operation.

Charging Menu

The battery charger automatically adapts to the power and voltage thresholds for the charge mode. The parameters for charge mode can also be manually set.

- With the buttons, select the »MENU« line and confirm with the button.
- With the buttons, select the »CHARGING MENU« line and confirm with the button.

Refer to ⇒ Battery Charger - VAS 5908- Operating Instructions for more information on the charging menu.

3.6.4 Support Mode with Battery Charger - VAS 5908-



Note

- ◆ *If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.*
- ◆ *Battery Charger "VAS 5903" Refer to ⇒ ["3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903", page 54](#).*
- ◆ *Battery Charger "VAS 5908" Refer to ⇒ ["3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908", page 70](#).*

The support mode (»FSV mode« external power supply) serves to supply the vehicle electrical system with voltage when the battery is disconnected or removed.

The support mode is used for the following situations:

- ◆ Vehicle electrical system support mode with the battery not installed
- ◆ Maintaining the voltage when the battery is being replaced
- ◆ Testing without the battery



Caution

In »FSV mode« only a resistive load (electrical equipment) may be supplied.

»FSV mode« may not be used when the battery is connected.

Disconnect or remove the battery before using the »FSV mode«.

Special tools and workshop equipment required



◆ Battery Charger - VAS 5908-



Performing support mode

- Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment and remove the key.
- Remove the battery. Refer to ⇒ Electrical Equipment; Rep. Gr. 27 ; Battery, Removing and Installing .
- Switch the Battery Charger - VAS 5908- on.



Caution

Always make sure that the red charging clamp does not make contact with the body ground.

Always make sure that the battery terminal clamps do not contact each other.

- Connect the red charging clamp “+” to the vehicle battery positive terminal clamp.




Note

- ◆ *On vehicles with a Start/Stop system and an installed Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- , the black charge terminal “-” must be connected to the body ground.*
- ◆ *When connecting to the battery negative terminal, the Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- is bypassed. Malfunctions in the Start/Stop System may be the result.*
- On vehicles with a Start/Stop System, connect the black charging clamp “-” to the body ground.
- On vehicles without a Start/Stop System, connect the black charging clamp “-” to the vehicle battery negative terminal clamp.



Note

- ◆ *The Battery Charger - VAS 5908- automatically adapts to the thresholds of power and voltage for the support mode.*
- ◆ *If necessary, preset the different thresholds for power and voltage in the FSV menu. Refer to ⇒ [page 77](#).*
- With the  buttons, select **FSV MODE** and confirm with the **ENTER** button.



Ending support mode

- Switch the Battery Charger - VAS 5908- off.
- Disconnect the black charging clamp “-” on the battery charger from the vehicle battery negative terminal clamp.
- Disconnect the red charging clamp “+” on the battery charger from the vehicle battery positive terminal clamp.
- Remove the power supply plug.

FSV Menu

The battery charger automatically adapts to the power and voltage thresholds for the support mode. The parameters for support mode can also be manually set.

- With the buttons, select the »MENU« line and confirm with the button.
- With the buttons, select the »FSV MENU« line and confirm with the button.

Refer to ⇒ Battery Charger - VAS 5908- Operating Instructions for more information on the FSV menu.

3.6.5 VAS I-CHECK Current Draw Test with Battery Charger - VAS 5908-



Note

- ◆ *If software updates or flash campaigns/actions are performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A charging current must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions.*
- ◆ *Battery Charger “VAS 5903”. Refer to ⇒ [“3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903”, page 54](#).*
- ◆ *Battery Charger “VAS 5908”. Refer to ⇒ [“3.6 Battery Charger VAS 5908”, page 70](#).*

The current draw test quickly determines the battery condition when the battery is drained. Based on the current draw test result, it can be stated whether the battery needs to be replaced or if it must be fully recharged.



Note

Make sure the battery is checked without electrical equipment connected in parallel when performing the battery current draw test.

Special tools and workshop equipment required



◆ Battery Charger - VAS 5908-



Perform a current draw test

- Disconnect both battery terminals so that the test result is not falsified due to vehicle-specific electrical equipment. Refer to ➤ Electrical Equipment; Rep. Gr. 27 ; Battery; Battery, Disconnecting and Connecting .
- Turn on the Battery Charger - VAS 5908- and connect the charging clamps to the correct terminals on the battery.
- With the buttons, select »AUTO MODE« and activate with the button (display blinks).
- With the buttons, select and confirm with the button.
- Press the button to activate the entry for battery capacity »Qbat:« (blinking).
- With the buttons, set the capacity (Ah) of the battery to be checked and confirm with the button.
- With the buttons, select the »TEST START« menu item and confirm with the button to start the current draw test. Pay attention to any connection error messages. Refer to ➤ [page 79](#) .

»TEST« will blink in the display while the current draw test is in progress. The button locks are activated, and the test in progress can only be canceled if the charging clamps are removed. Pay attention to any interruption error messages. Refer to ➤ [page 79](#) .

Test results with the current draw I less than 100% (battery is faulty)

If the current draw »I« is less than 100% at the end of the test, the battery voltage supply is interrupted and »MAKE WARRANTY CLAIM« appears in the display.

- Select »OK« using the buttons and confirm with the button to display the result values from the test.

The current draw percentage is displayed in the results window under »I«. The displayed data can be transferred to the battery test sheet.

- With the buttons, select »TEST END« and confirm with the button to end the current draw test.



Test results with current draw I greater than 100% (battery intact, but insufficiently charged)

If the current draw »I« is greater than 100% at the end of the test, the voltage supply continues when charging the battery.

- Select »RESULT« using the buttons and confirm with the button to display the result values from the test.



The current draw percentage is displayed in the results window under »I«.

- With the  buttons, select »OK« or »TEST END« and confirm with the  button to switch to the "I-Check charge mode" and to continue to charge the battery.

»CHARGING« blinks in the display when in I-Check charge mode until the battery is completely charged. After the charging process is finished, the device automatically switches to maintenance charging. »RETENTION« blinks in the display.



Note

- ◆ A shorted cell test is automatically activated while the battery charges in "I-Check charge mode".
- ◆ When the shorted cell test is activated, the battery charging is interrupted twice for approximately 30 seconds to measure the voltage.
- ◆ If the shorted cell test is positive, the charging process is interrupted and »SHORTED CELL« appears in the display.

Connection error messages

- ◆ »APPLICATION ERROR - CONTACT« = no battery detected or no battery connected.
- ◆ »APPLICATION ERROR - REVERSE POLARITY« = battery was connected with incorrect polarity.
- ◆ »APPLICATION ERROR - LOW CHARGE« = voltage of connected battery is below the defined voltage activation limit (Uesp) in the charging menu.

Interruption error messages

- ◆ »APPLICATION INTERRUPTION - CONTACT« = battery was disconnected during the test.
- ◆ »APPLICATION INTERRUPTION - SHORT CIRCUIT« = short circuit detected at the battery cables.

3.7 Battery Tester Charger Kit - GRX3000VAS- USA/Canada Only

⇒ ["3.7.1 Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS General Description", page 79](#)

⇒ ["3.7.2 Battery, Charging", page 80](#)

⇒ ["3.7.3 Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS Troubleshooting", page 83](#)

Warning and Safety Precautions. Refer to ⇒ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#)

General information. Refer to ⇒ ["3.7.1 Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS General Description", page 79](#).

Charge battery. Refer to ⇒ ["3.7.2 Battery, Charging", page 80](#).

Battery Tester Charger Kit - GRX3000VAS-, troubleshooting. Refer to ⇒ ["3.7.3 Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS Troubleshooting", page 83](#).

3.7.1 Battery Tester Charger Kit - GRX3000VAS- General Description

Only Volkswagen approved chargers may be used to charge batteries in Volkswagen vehicles. Only the Battery Tester



Charger Kit - GRX3000VAS- charger is used in the USA and Canada.

The Battery Tester Charger Kit - GRX3000VAS- battery charger combines battery charging with checking the charge level and testing the battery.

The following charging and analysis procedures apply to all batteries, all battery installed locations (engine compartment or luggage compartment) and all battery designated usage (for the starter or for the second/convenience battery).

Always follow the Safety Precautions, the instructions for setting up the battery charger, the display menu/display buttons, LEDs and the procedures. Refer to the ➔ Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS Operating Instructions .

Refer to the ➔ Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS Operating Instructions and read carefully.

Refer to ➔ Self Study Program No. ; Vehicle Batteries for more information.



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ➔ "1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4 .

Keep open flame or sparks away from the batteries and do not smoke.

The battery charger must be switched off whenever connecting or disconnect the cable.

Do not remove the plugs while charging.

Overcharging sulfated batteries can cause an explosion.

Precision tools may not be kept in areas where batteries are charged. Chemical reactions can lead to corrosion.



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

3.7.2 Battery, Charging



Note

If software updates or flash campaigns/actions must be performed on a vehicle, a charger with at least 70A (for example Battery Charger "VAS 5903") must be used in order to avoid problems during software updates and flash campaigns/actions. Refer to ➔ "3.4 Battery Charger VAS 5903 ", page 54



Requirements:



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.

Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS output - setup performed (unit number, date/ time). Refer to ⇒ Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS Operating Instructions .

- General information, checking. Refer to ⇒ [“3.7.1 Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS General Description”, page 79](#) .
- Open the hood or open the cover if the battery is installed somewhere else.
- Visually inspect the battery. Refer to ⇒ [“2.2 Visual inspection”, page 8](#) .
- Determine if it is a “standard” battery (wet battery) or an “AGM” battery.
- Close all vehicle doors.



Note

- ◆ *The battery temperature must be at least 10 °C (50 °F).*
- ◆ *Refer to the ⇒ Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS Operating Instructions for more information.*

Perform the charging procedure:

- Switch off all electrical equipment.
- Turn off the ignition and remove the ignition key.
- Clamp the red charging clamp “+” of the charger to the positive battery terminal.



Note

For vehicles with a start/stop function and an installed Battery Monitoring Control Module - J367- , the black charging clamp - must be connected to the body ground. The start/stop system will malfunction if it is connected to the negative terminal on the battery.

- Connect the black charging clamp “-” of the charger to the negative battery terminal.
- Connect the Battery Tester Charger Kit - GRX3000VAS- battery charger to a grounded socket.
- Switch the “ON/OFF” switch on the Battery Tester Charger Kit - GRX3000VAS- battery charger to “ON”.
- Select the charge mode “automatic” or “manual.”.
- Select the test: “inside the vehicle” or “outside of the vehicle”.



- Determine if it is a “standard” battery or an “AGM” battery.
- Select the type of test: “Warranty” or “other”. Note any other additional details (depending on the type of test).



Note

- ◆ Refer to the ⇒ *Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS Operating Instructions* for more information.
- ◆ If necessary, go through all the menu points when performing a “Warranty” test. Refer to ⇒ *Warranty Service Circulars*.

The Battery Tester Charger Kit - GRX3000VAS- battery charger checks the battery and starts the charging process. The display then show one of three results with the exact charging time.

Result:	Measure:
Battery good	The battery can be used again.
Charging is required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ The test determined a low state of charge.◆ The charging process begins and the exact duration for the charging will be displayed◆ The cold start performance and the remaining charging time are displayed and updated regularly.
Replace the battery	Battery faulty. The charging process is interrupted. Replace the battery.



Note

If other malfunction messages or text displays, other than the ones already mentioned, appear in the display on the Battery Tester Charger Kit - GRX3000VAS- battery charger, refer to chapter Refer to ⇒ [“3.7.3 Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS Troubleshooting”, page 83](#).



WARNING

If the battery starts to vent gas heavily, stop the charging process. Press the “Stop” button on the front side.

After the charging and testing process is completed, the Battery Tester Charger Kit - GRX3000VAS- battery charger will display “battery good” or “replace the battery” and the total charging time.

Depending on the individual circumstance (Warranty Claim, Repair Order, Evaluation and File), there are three possible messages:

- ◆ Produce a test code (possible only after automatic charging and testing).
- ◆ Print last test result (for Warranty)



- ◆ Display the last test result.



Note

Refer to the ⇒ *Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS Operating Instructions* for more information.

3.7.3 Battery Tester Charger Kit - GRX3000VAS- Troubleshooting

The display under certain circumstances shows malfunctions or status based messages.

The following is a list of the most frequent displayed messages together with suggested solutions.



Note

Refer to the ⇒ *Battery Tester Charger Kit GRX3000VAS Operating Instructions* for messages not listed here.

Display Message	Steps
Check the connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Make sure the battery charger terminals are attached securely to the battery terminals. – Make sure the battery terminal is tightened to the tightening specification and is not corroded.
Terminals connected?	Tester safety function. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Connect the terminals to the battery before charging.
System noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Turn off all electrical equipment. – Wait until all electrical equipment, which is monitored by the vehicle electrical system control module, is switched off. – Remove the ignition key. – Disconnect any doubtful or non-standard electrical equipment from the vehicle electrical system.

Wait a few minutes and repeat the charging process. Refer to ⇒ ["3.7.2 Battery, Charging", page 80](#) .



3.8 Solar Panel - 10 Panels - VAS 6102B-

⇒ ["3.8.1 Solar Panel - 10 Panels VAS 6102B Maintenance Charging", page 84](#)

3.8.1 Solar Panel - 10 Panels - VAS 6102B- Maintenance Charging

Solar Panel - 10 Panels VAS 6102B

General Description:

The Solar Panel - 10 Panels - VAS 6102B- supports the vehicle electrical system and prevents the battery from self-discharging.

The Solar Panel - 10 Panels - VAS 6102B- reaches a maximum voltage of 14.3 V and a maximum charge current of 255 mA.

All chargeable lead- or lead gel batteries can be charged with the Solar Panel - 10 Panels - VAS 6102B- .

The Solar Panel - 10 Panels - VAS 6102B- is connected to the diagnostic connection in the vehicle.

There is a green LED inside the frame, which displays the function. The brighter the LED, the higher the charging current.

It is not possible to overcharge the battery due to the integrated electronics.

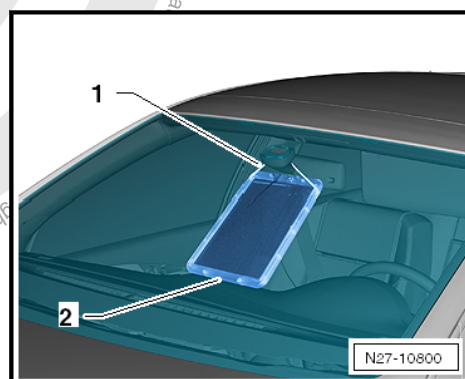
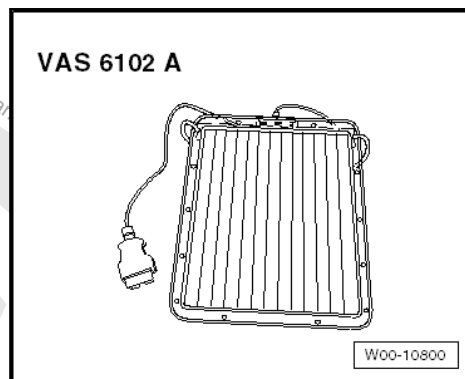
- Secure the Solar Panel - 10 Panels - VAS 6102B- to the interior rearview mirror -1-.
- Lay the bottom on the instrument panel -2-.



Note

The Solar Panel - 10 Panels - VAS 6102B- must not touch the instrument panel completely. Only the bottom edge may be used for support. If it touches completely, the color of the instrument panel could change.

- Pull the securing string together so that the Solar Panel - 10 Panels - VAS 6102B- is close to the glass.
- Connect the Solar Panel - 10 Panels - VAS 6102B- to the vehicle diagnostic connection. Connecting is the same as with the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester. Refer to ⇒ ["1.1 Connect the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester", page 103](#) .
- Check the Solar Panel - 10 Panels - VAS 6102B- function. The green LED shows the functionality of the Solar Panel - 10 Panels - VAS 6102B- .



3.9 Severely Discharged Batteries



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ⇒ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#) .

For a battery to be indicated as "severely discharged", the resting voltage must be less than 11.6 V.



WARNING

Batteries that have a light yellow visual indicator do not have to be tested or charged. Do not give a jump start.

There is a risk of explosion during testing, charging or jump starting.

These batteries must be replaced.



Caution

- ◆ ***Severely discharged batteries freeze earlier.***
- ◆ ***Batteries that have been frozen must no longer be used.***



Note

- ◆ ***Severely discharged batteries in vehicles must be replaced prior to delivery. Pre-existing damage cannot be ruled out.***
 - ◆ ***Batteries which have not been used in driving operation for a long time, for example vehicles in storage, discharge themselves.***
 - ◆ ***With severely discharged batteries the battery electrolyte is almost all water, because the proportion of acid has been greatly reduced.***
 - ◆ ***Severely discharged batteries become sulfated, meaning all the battery plate surfaces become hardened.***
 - ◆ ***The sulfating process may be largely reversed if a severely discharged battery is recharged immediately.***
 - ◆ ***If the battery is not recharged, the plates will continue to harden, and the ability to accept a charge will decrease. This results in reduction of battery performance.***
- Check the battery resting voltage. Refer to [⇒ “3 Battery Charge”, page 25](#) .



4 Cruise Control System

⇒ **“4.1 Cruise Control System, Activating and Deactivating”, page 86**

General Description:

Cruise control system functions are controlled by the engine control module.

- The cruise control system can be activated/deactivated. Refer to ⇒ **“4.1 Cruise Control System, Activating and Deactivating”, page 86** .

Malfunction Recognition and Malfunction Indicator:

Malfunctions relating to the cruise control system are issued through the engine control module.

Use the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester in the “Guided Fault Finding” mode for fault finding.

4.1 Cruise Control System, Activating and Deactivating

- Connect the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester . Refer to ⇒ **“1 Vehicle Diagnostic Tester”, page 103** .
- On the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester , select “Guided Fault Finding”.
- Using the “GO TO” button, select “Functions/Component selection” and the following menu options in sequence:
 - ◆ Drivetrain
 - ◆ Engine code
 - ◆ 01 - OBD-capable systems
 - ◆ Engine management system or Diesel Direct Injection & Glow Plug System
 - ◆ Functions
 - ◆ Cruise Control System, Activating and Deactivating



90 – Instruments





92 – Wiper/Washer Systems

1 Washer Fluid Hoses Hose Connections

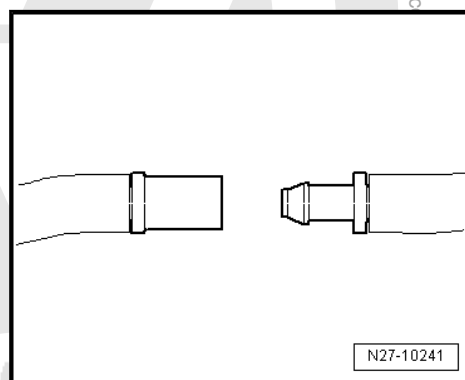
⇒ **"1.1 Windshield and Rear Window Washer System", page 88**

⇒ **"1.2 Headlamp Washer System" page 89**

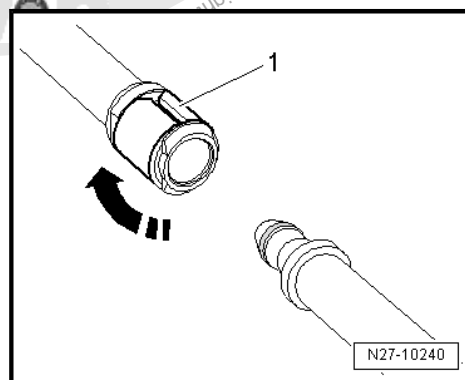
The following hose connection types are used for connecting hoses to pumps and spray nozzles or as separating points:

1.1 Windshield and Rear Window Washer System

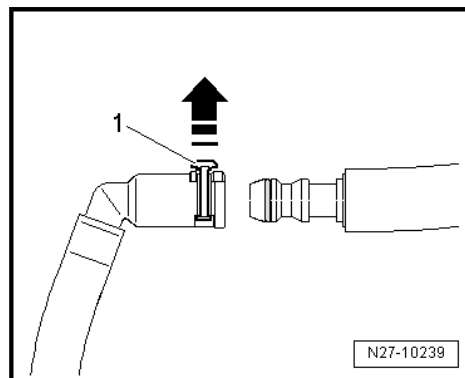
- To loosen the connection, pulling both halves of the coupling apart.
- To secure the connection, push both halves of coupling together until felt and heard to engage.



- To loosen the connection, turn the securing clip -1- 90° -arrow- and then pull the hose connection off.
- To secure the connection, attach the hose connection and turn the securing clip -1- -arrow- until it engages.

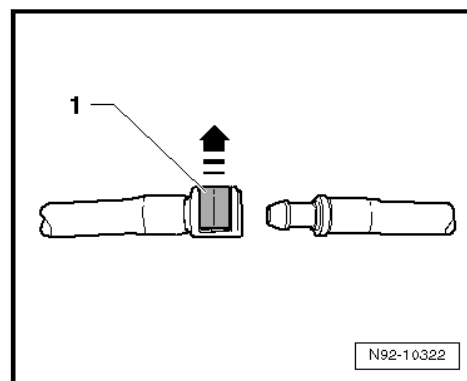


- To loosen the connection, lift the securing clip -1- approximately 1 mm -arrow- and then remove the hose connection.
- To secure the connection, attach the hose connection and press in the clip -1- until it engages.





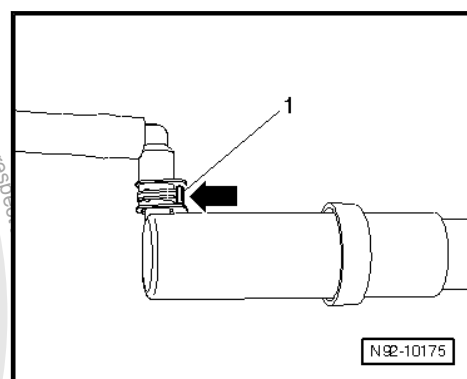
- To loosen the connection, pull the securing clip upward -1- -arrow- and remove the hose connection.
- To secure the connection, attach the hose connection and press in the clip -1- until it engages.



1.2 Headlamp Washer System

- Disconnect by depressing clip -1- -arrow- and then separating coupling from jet.

Reconnect by keeping clip -arrow- depressed while pushing coupling onto jet until it engages. Check securing clip for secure locking by attempting to pull it off without depressing clip.





2 Hoses, Repairing

⇒ **"2.1 General Description", page 90**

⇒ **"2.2 Smooth Hoses, Repairing", page 90**

⇒ **"2.3 Corrugated Tube, Repairing", page 90**

A new repair concept has been developed for repairing washer system hoses. Various individual hose connectors, adapters, Ethylene Propylene Diene Methylene (EPDM) rubber hoses and shrink tubing will be offered as replacement parts.

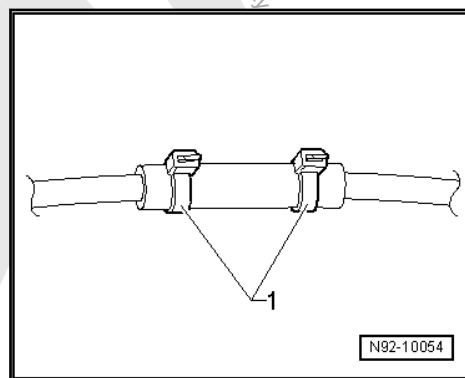
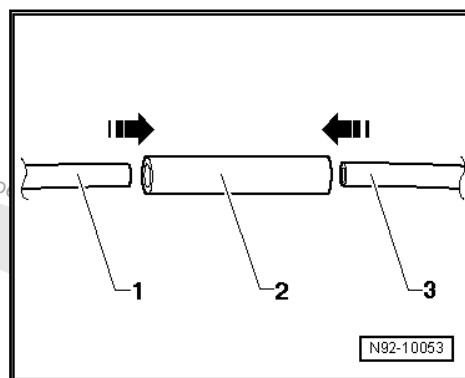
2.1 General Description

- ◆ The replacement parts can be found in the electronic parts catalog (ETKA):
- ◆ The replacement parts are available both for the repair of a smooth tube as well as for the repair of a corrugated tube.

2.2 Smooth Hoses, Repairing

Smooth hoses with a diameter of 5 x 1 mm or 6 x 1 mm can be repaired with a EPDM repair hose section.

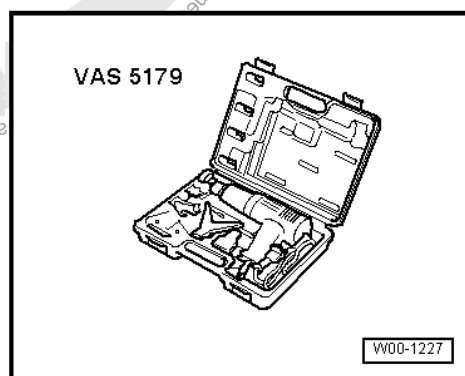
- Trim and remove damaged sections of hose.
- Select the corresponding EPDM hose -2- and cable ties according to the electronic parts catalog (ETKA).
- Cut a length of EPDM hose -2- so that the smooth tube ends -1- and -3- can be pushed at least 10 mm into the EPDM hose -2-.
- Secure with cable ties as illustrated -1-.



2.3 Corrugated Tube, Repairing

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Hot Air Blower - VAS 5179- or





- ◆ Hot Air Blower - V.A.G 1416- or
- ◆ Wiring Harness Repair Set - Hot Air Blower - VAS 1978/14A-



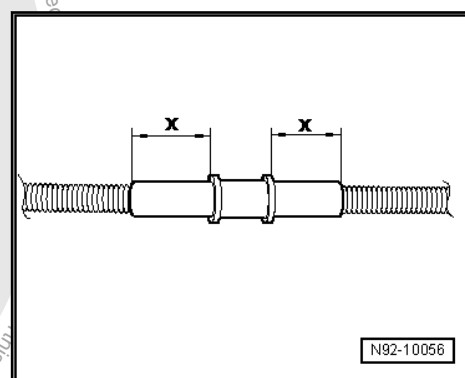
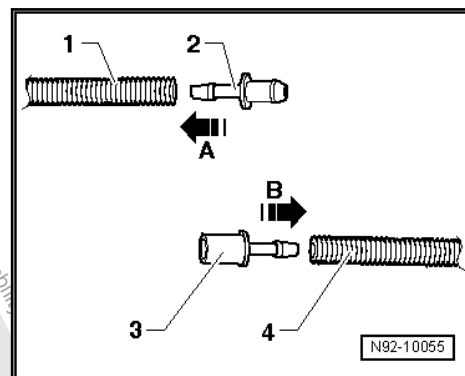
Note

- ◆ *Area to be repaired must not be under stress of stretching or bending.*
- ◆ *If the damaged area is longer than 20 mm, a new section of corrugated tube must be inserted and the procedure described in the following must be performed twice.*

- Trim and remove damaged sections of hose.
- Select the appropriate connecting pieces -2- and -3- as well as the corresponding heat-shrinkable tube according to the Electronic Parts Catalog (ETKA).
- Carefully warm end of hose -1-.
- Insert the connecting piece -2- into the corrugated tube -1- -arrow A-.
- Carefully warm the end of the corrugated tube -4-.
- Insert the connecting piece -3- into the corrugated tube -4- -arrow B-.

Trim the heat-shrinkable tube so that the corrugated tube is covered with a minimum of 20 mm -dimension x- of heat-shrinkable tube on both sides.

Slide the heat-shrinkable tube over the corrugated tube, attach the connecting pieces together and secure the repaired section with heat-shrinkable tubing.





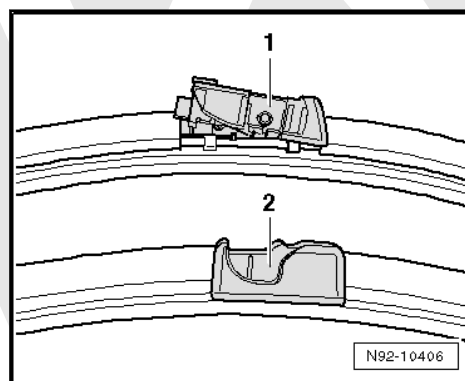
3 Joint-Free Wiper Blade Characteristics

Characteristics for Bosch and Federal Mogul

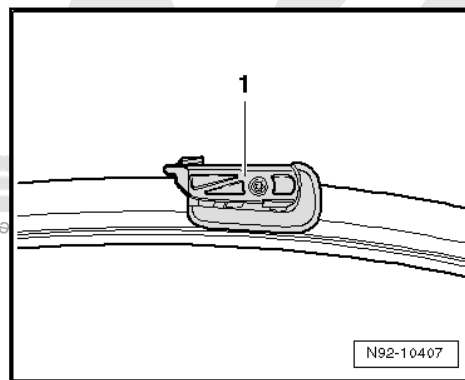
Check the manufacturer when replacing the wiper blades. Always replace them with blades made by the same manufacturer.

The wiper blades can be identified by the wiper arm fastener.

Bosch wiper blades -1 and 2-:



Federal Mogul wiper blades -1-:





94 – Exterior Lights, Switches

1 HID Headlamps Usage and Safety Precautions

- Note the following if working with HID headlamps:
- ◆ Information on Dangerous High-Voltage/Currents. Refer to ➤ [page 93](#)
- ◆ Information on pressure, temperature and radiation/arc. Refer to ➤ [page 94](#)
- ◆ Assembly Instructions for HID Headlamp Bulbs. Refer to ➤ [page 95](#) .
- ◆ Disposal Regulations for HID Headlamp Bulbs. Refer to ➤ [page 95](#) .

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Protective Eyewear
- ◆ Gloves



WARNING

Always make sure to disconnect the battery ground cable before performing work on parts of the headlamp with a gas discharge lamp marked with yellow high-voltage symbols.

Then switch the low beams on and back off. This removes any possible residual voltage.

The HID headlamp control module must never be operated without an HID headlamp bulb.

Due to the high-voltage (over 28000 V when igniting the lamp), the gas-discharge lamp should only be operated inside the headlamp housing.



WARNING

- ◆ *Never replace bulbs if not familiar with the procedures, safety precautions and tools.*

Notes on hazardous high-voltage / currents



WARNING

Light system control modules, connectors or components in the bulb socket area conduct dangerous high-voltage

Control module and igniter operation is only permitted with lamp.



WARNING

- *Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment and remove the key.*
- *Make sure all components are de-energized when working on headlamp system, even residual voltage after switching off headlamps must be discharged.*
- *Residual voltages are discharged by switching low beams on and off again after ignition key was removed.*
- *Make sure lamps cannot be switched on when working on headlamp system.*

Notes on pressure, temperature and radiation/glare



WARNING

- *Lamp must only be operated in headlamp housing (protection against contact because of hot lamp, absorption of ultraviolet radiation, avoiding danger of glare, explosion protection).*
- *Bulb glass of bulbs can become very hot – danger of burns!*
- *Avoid looking directly into light beam, since UV radiation of the HID headlamp bulbs is approximately 2.5 times higher than that of standard halogen bulbs.*
- *Avoid looking into light beam (danger of glare); vision can be impaired for a longer period of time.*



WARNING

- *Avoid contact with burst bulb glass.*
- *H7 bulbs and HID bulbs (Xenon/Bi-Xenon) are under pressure and can burst when replaced - danger of injury!*
- *Always wear protective eyewear and gloves when removing and installing HID headlamp bulbs.*



Assembly Instructions for HID Headlamp Bulbs



Caution

- ◆ *Before replacing a bulb, the corresponding consumer must always be switched off.*
- ◆ *Turn off the ignition and all electrical equipment and remove the key.*
- ◆ *Do not touch bulb glass of bulb with bare fingers, use clean cloth gloves. The remaining fingerprint would evaporate due to the heat of the operated bulb and condense on the reflector which would impair headlamp luminosity.*
- ◆ *A bulb must only be replaced with a bulb of the same version. Bulb identification can be found on the bulb socket or on the bulb glass.*
- ◆ *Connectors must engage correctly during installation and make sure the connection is secure.*

Disposal Regulations for HID Headlamp Bulbs



WARNING

- *HID headlamp bulbs must be disposed of as hazardous waste, never dispose of HID lamps via domestic waste.*
- *HID headlamp bulbs contain metallic mercury (Hg) and traces of thallium, they must not be destroyed.*
- *These components must be returned for proper recycling in accordance with national legislation.*
- *Dispose of only in the designated containers at the responsible collection point.*



96 – Interior Lights, Switches

1 12 V Socket

⇒ [“1.1 12 V Socket , Removing and Installing”, page 96](#)

⇒ [“1.2 Socket Illumination Bulb L42 , Removing and Installing”, page 96](#)

1.1 12 V Socket , Removing and Installing



Caution

Using force to remove cigarette lighter sockets without illumination can result in damage to the mounting sleeve retainers.

The Cigarette Lighter Release Tool T40148 can only be used to remove cigarette lighter sockets with illumination.

The puller is not capable of releasing the retainers on sockets without illumination.

Sockets without illumination usually cannot be removed without damage.

Cigarette Lighter - U1- , removing and installing. Refer to [“2 Cigarette Lighter U1 ”, page 97](#) .

1.2 Socket Illumination Bulb - L42- , Removing and Installing

The Socket Illumination Bulb - L42- is removed in the same manner as the Cigarette Lighter Illumination Bulb - L28- . Refer to ⇒ [“2.4 Cigarette Lighter Illumination Bulb L28 , Removing and Installing”, page 101](#) .



2 Cigarette Lighter - U1

⇒ ["2.1 General Description", page 97](#)

⇒ ["2.2 Overview", page 98](#)

⇒ ["2.3 Cigarette Lighter Socket , Removing and Installing", page 99](#)

⇒ ["2.4 Cigarette Lighter Illumination Bulb L28 , Removing and Installing", page 101](#)

The following descriptions also apply to Left Rear Cigarette Lighter - U3- , Right Rear Cigarette Lighter - U7- , Rear Cigarette Lighter - U9- , 12 V Socket 2 - U18- , 12 V Socket 3 - U19- , 12 V Socket 4 - U20- , Cigarette Lighter 2 - U25- and 12 V Socket 5 - U26- if they are illuminated.



Caution

Using force to remove cigarette lighter sockets without illumination can result in damage to the mounting sleeve retainers.

The Cigarette Lighter Release Tool T40148 can only be used to remove cigarette lighter sockets with illumination.

The puller is not capable of releasing the retainers on sockets without illumination.

Sockets without illumination usually cannot be removed without damage.

2.1 General Description



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Sockets without illumination usually cannot be removed without damage.

On some vehicle equipment, illumination is not produced by incandescent bulbs but rather by LEDs. This LED is securely connected to the adapter sleeve and cannot be replaced separately.

There are more versions for adapter sleeves with a bulb. One version allows separate replacement of the illumination bulb, and another where the bulb cannot be serviced or replaced separately. In this scenario the bulb holder with bulb must be replaced.

There are different versions of the sockets and cigarette lighter sockets due to different installation locations and construction. The differences are primarily in the length and type of electrical connectors. On sockets or cigarette lighter sockets with an electrical cable pig tail, additional work may be necessary to access the connector.



2.2 Overview



Caution

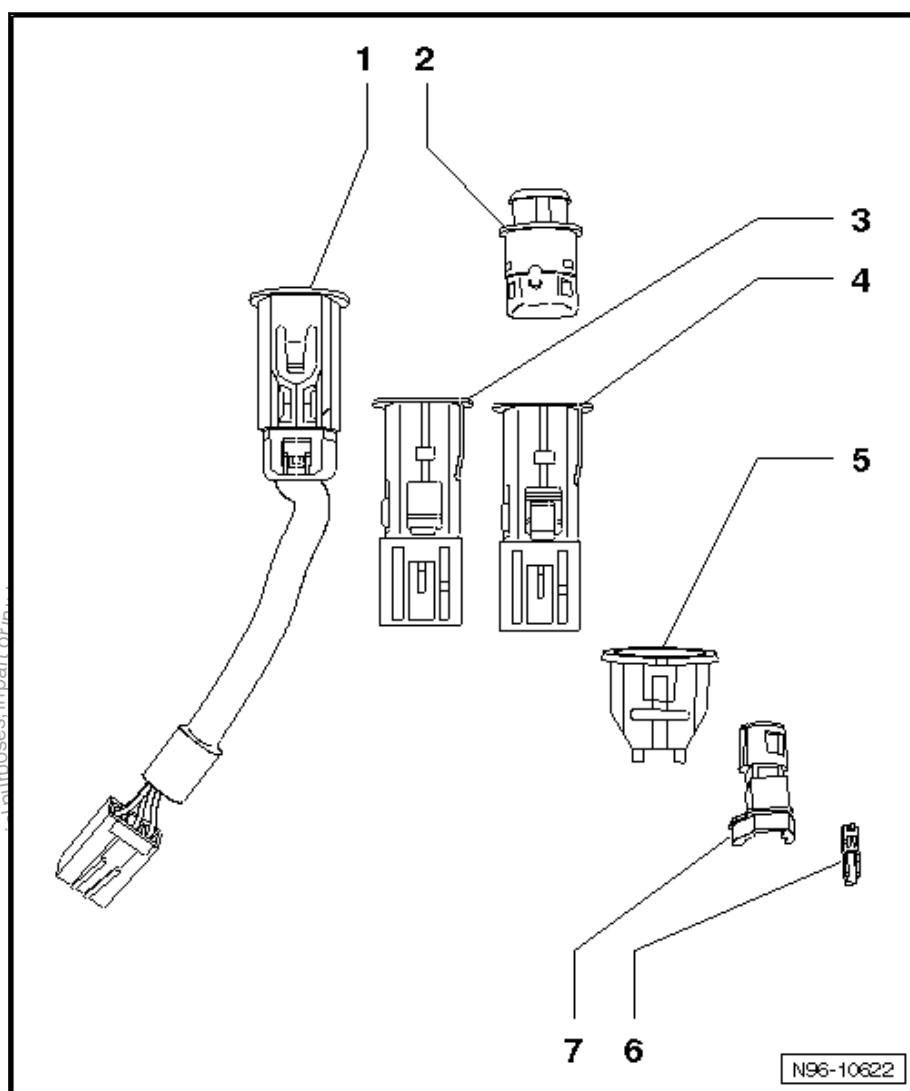
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- 1 - Cigarette Lighter Socket with Cable Pig Tail
- 2 - Cigarette Lighter
- 3 - Socket
- 4 - Cigarette Lighter Socket
- 5 - Adapter Sleeve
- 6 - Bulb W 5 12V 1.2 Watt
- 7 - Bulb Holder





2.3 Cigarette Lighter Socket , Removing and Installing



Note

The removal and installation for all sockets is performed in the same way and is only described for the cigarette lighter socket.



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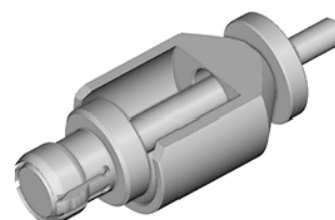
The puller is not capable of releasing the retainers on sockets without illumination.

Sockets without illumination usually cannot be removed without damage.

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Cigarette Lighter Release Tool - T40148-

T40148



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Removing

- If necessary, remove the cigarette lighter, the blank plug, etc. from the socket.



Note

The illustration shows the socket removed.



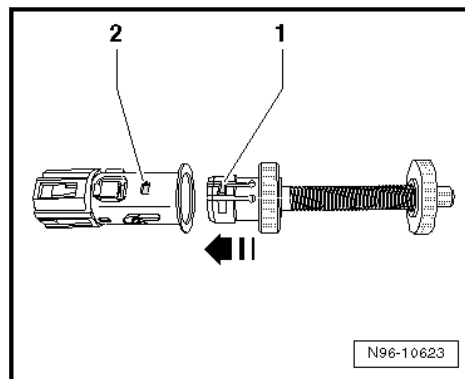
Caution

The socket or mounting sleeve can be damaged.

Make sure the puller is seated properly or the mounting sleeve retainers will not release.



- Slide the puller -arrow- into the socket so that the tabs -1- engage in the openings -2-.



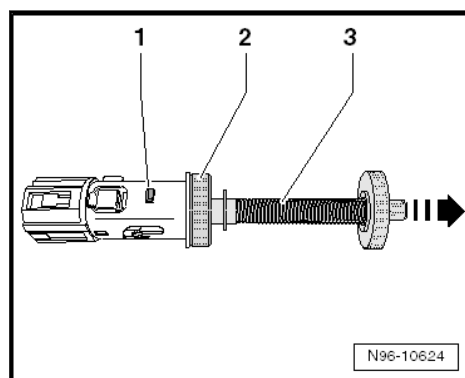
- Release the mounting sleeve retainers by pulling on grip piece -3- in direction of -arrow-.
- Remove the socket with the puller out of the adapter sleeve.



Caution

The wiring for the socket could get damaged.

Pay attention to the lengths of the electrical wires when removing the outlet.

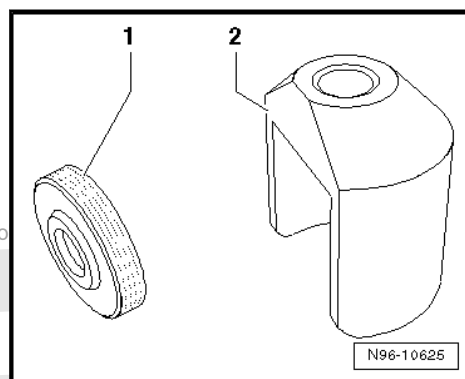


Depending on installation location, it is recommended to use the Thrust Piece T40148/1 -2- with knurled nut -1-.



Caution

Make sure none of the surrounding components are damaged when using the thrust piece.



- Disconnect the connector from the socket.



Note

There are different versions of the sockets and cigarette lighter sockets due to different installation locations and construction. The differences are primarily in the length and type of electrical connectors. On sockets or cigarette lighter sockets with an electrical cable pig tail, additional work may be necessary to access the connector.

- Release the puller retaining tabs by pressing the spindle -1- in the -direction of the arrow B-. Then release the press -2- by turning it slightly to left -arrow A-. Remove the puller from the outlet.



Note

Make sure the puller retainers are not spread.

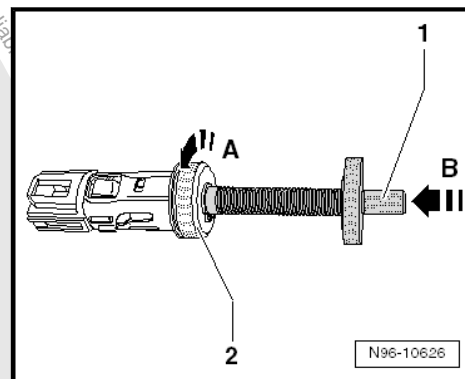


Caution

The cigarette lighter can be ejected from the socket when the heating cycle is complete.

Inserting the puller into the socket spreads the socket retainer springs and reduces their ability to retain the cigarette lighter insert.

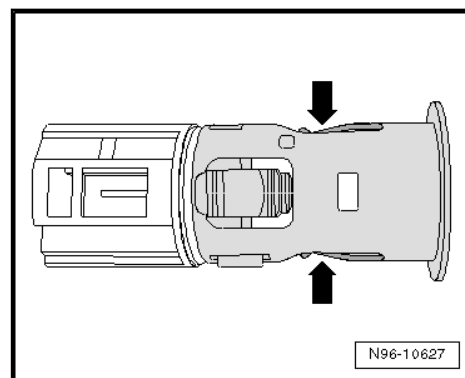
After removing the socket, bend the retainer springs together carefully to tighten them and make sure the insert remains in the socket when the heating cycle is complete.



- Carefully squeeze the springs on the socket together -arrows-.
- Make sure the cigarette lighter insert is not ejected completely into vehicle interior on completion of glow cycle, and remains in receptacle.

Installing:

Install in reverse order of removal.



2.4 Cigarette Lighter Illumination Bulb - L28- , Removing and Installing



Note

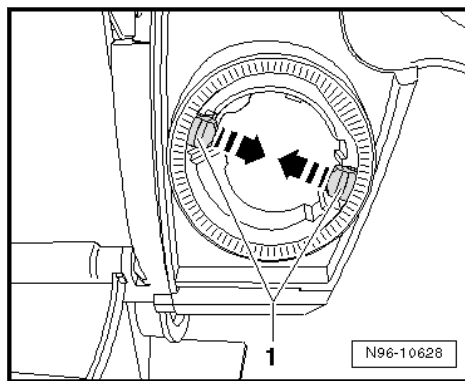
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Removing

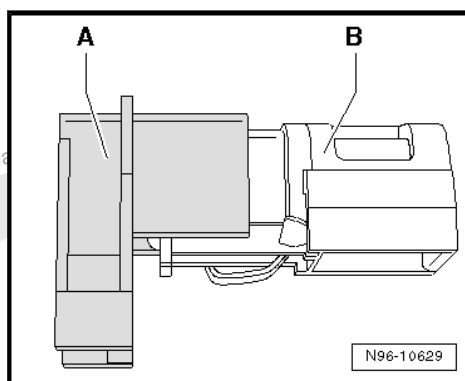
- Remove the socket. Refer to ➤ [“2.3 Cigarette Lighter Socket , Removing and Installing”, page 99](#) .



- Press the tabs -arrows- and remove the adapter sleeve and bulb holder.
- Unclip the bulb holder from the adapter sleeve.



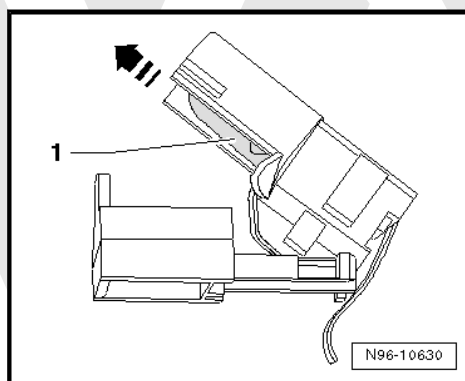
- Disconnect the bulb holder in area -A- and -B-.
- Open the bulb holder section -B-.



- Remove the bulb in the -direction of the arrow-.

Installing:

Install in reverse order of removal.





97 – Wiring

1 Vehicle Diagnostic Tester

⇒ [“1.1 Connect the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester”, page 103](#)

⇒ [“1.2 Connect the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester Golf MY 1998 through 2003”, page 105](#)



WARNING

- ◆ *During road tests using a vehicle diagnostic and information system, there is the hazard of extreme to lethal injuries!*
- ◆ *If vehicle diagnostic and information system is deposited in the action area of an airbag during a road test, here is the hazard of extreme to lethal injuries in the event the airbag deploys!*
- ◆ *During road tests, have a person sitting in the rear seat to operate the vehicle diagnostic and information system.*



Note

- ◆ *All of the procedures described such as adaptations and coding can be performed with the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester.*
- ◆ *All work instructions can be reached in the operating modes “Guided Fault Finding” and “Guided Functions”.*
- ◆ *Additional information:*

Refer to ⇒ Self Study Program No. 202 ; Vehicle Diagnostic Tester .

Refer to ⇒ Self Study Program No. 256 ; VAS 5052 .

Refer to ⇒ Self Study Program No. 294 ; Online Connection of VAS 5051 .

- Connect the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester . Refer to ⇒ [“1.1 Connect the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester”, page 103](#) .

1.1 Connect the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester



Note

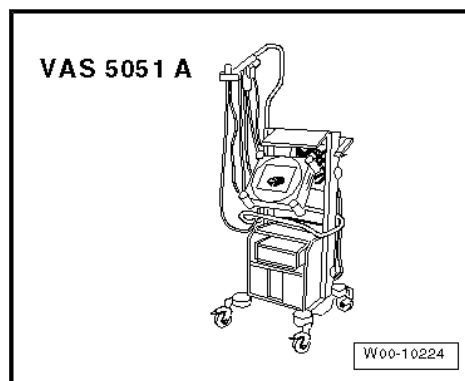
Follow the current operating instructions for the vehicle diagnosis, testing and information system , which can be displayed by selecting the “Administration” and “operator's handbook” buttons.

Special tools and workshop equipment required

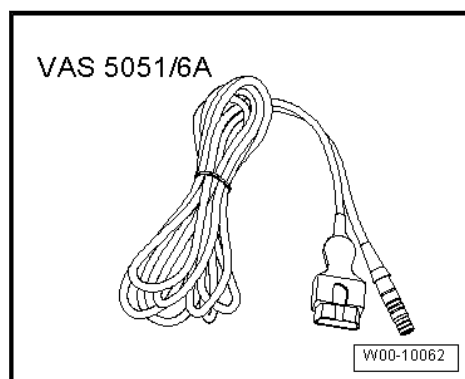




◆ Vehicle Diagnostic Tester



◆ Vehicle Diagnosis System - Diagnostic Cable - VAS 5051/6A- (5 m (16.4 feet))



◆ Vehicle Diagnosis System - Updated Cable - 3m (-9.8 feet) - VAS 5051/5A- (3 m (9.8 feet))



Note

For the diagnosis, only the diagnostic cables listed above are to be used since only these are equipped with CAN wires and permit a CAN diagnostic or CAN communication.

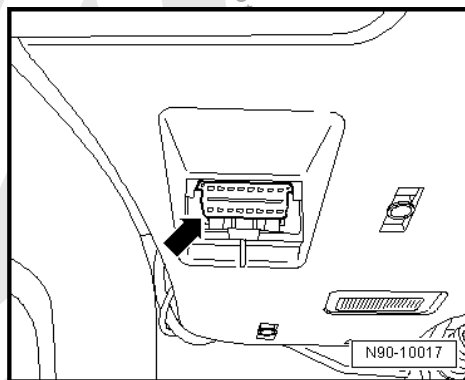
Connect the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester .

- Apply the parking brake.
- In vehicles with automatic transmission, move the selector lever to the “P” or “N” position.
- In vehicles with manual transmissions, move the shift lever to the neutral position.
- With the ignition switched off, connect the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester with the Vehicle Diagnosis System - Diagnostic Cable - VAS 5051/6A- to the diagnostic connection -arrow- in the vehicle.
- Switch the ignition on.
- Switch off all electrical equipment.



Note

Connecting all other and successive Vehicle Diagnostic Testers is done exactly the same as in the previously described sequence.





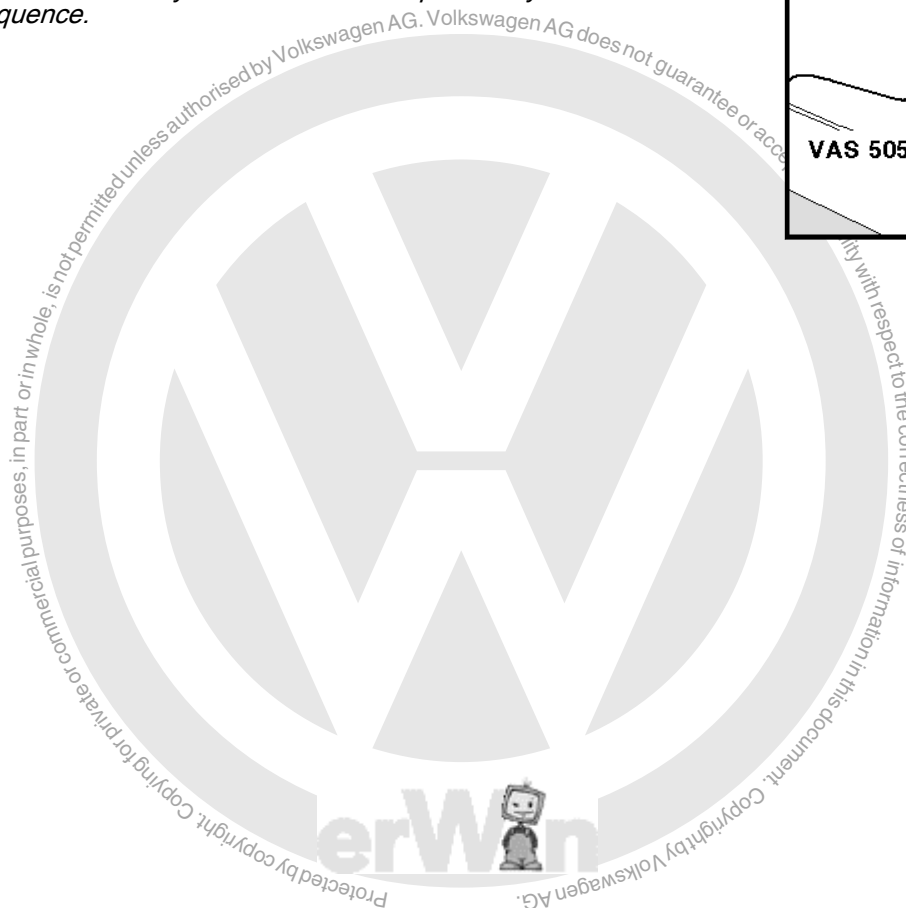
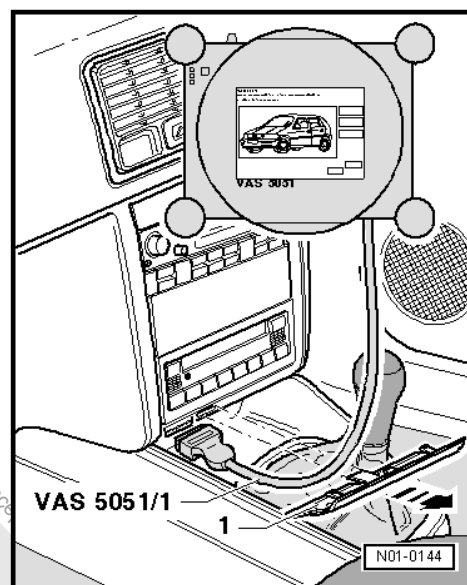
1.2 Connect the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester Golf MY 1998 through 2003

- Apply the parking brake.
- In vehicles with automatic transmission, move the selector lever to the “P” or “N” position.
- In vehicles with manual transmissions, move the shift lever to the neutral position.
- Remove trim -1- in direction of arrow.
- With the ignition switched off, connect the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester with the Diagnostic Cable to the diagnostic connection -arrow- in the vehicle.
- Switch the ignition on.
- Switch off all electrical equipment.



Note

Connecting all other and successive Vehicle Diagnostic Testers is done exactly the same as in the previously described sequence.





2 Wiring Harness and Connector Repairs

⇒ [“2.1 Vehicle Electrical System, General Repair Information”, page 106](#)

⇒ [“2.2 Wiring Harness Repair Set”, page 109](#)

⇒ [“2.3 Tool Descriptions”, page 111](#)

⇒ [“2.4 Wiring Harnesses, Repairing”, page 115](#)

⇒ [“2.5 Fiber-Optic Cables, Repairing”, page 138](#)

⇒ [“2.6 Antenna Wires, Repairing”, page 144](#)

⇒ [“2.7 Contact Housings and Connectors, Repairing”, page 156](#)

⇒ [“2.8 Contact Housings, Releasing and Disassembling”, page 160](#)

2.1 Vehicle Electrical System, General Repair Information



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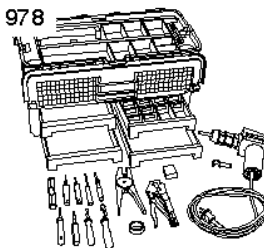
Follow the procedure in the repair manual when disconnecting and connecting the battery.



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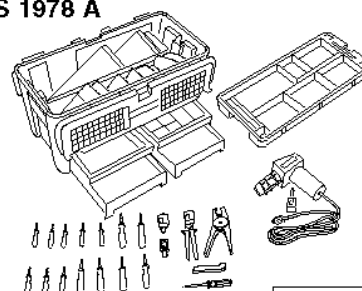
Some tools are supplied with a tool safety clip, which is slid over the tool points after using the tool, in order to protect other workers from injuries and tool points from damage.

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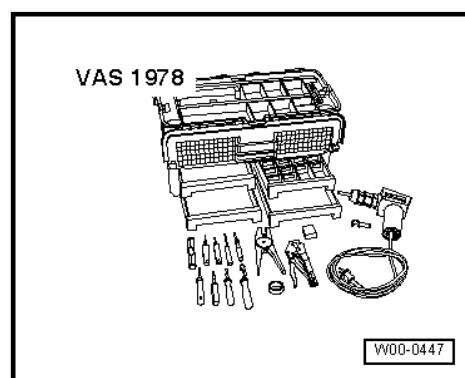
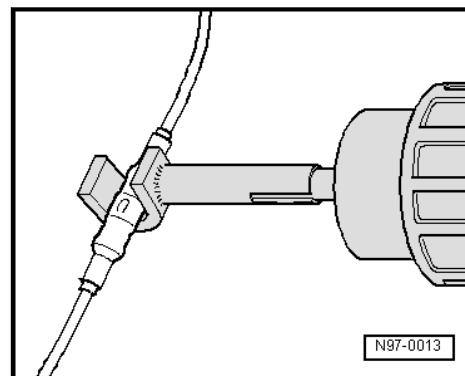


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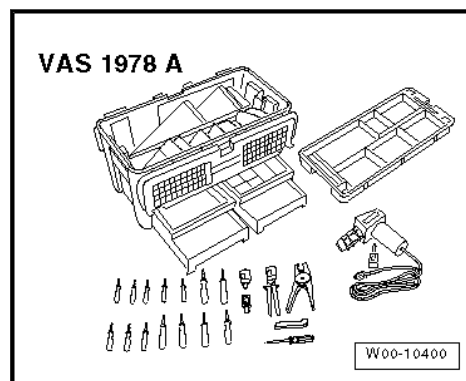


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- ◆ Observe the current notes in the corresponding repair manual for all repairs.
- ◆ Observe country-specific regulations.
- ◆ Before working on the electrical system, the battery ground cable must be disconnected. By disconnecting the battery ground cable (current disruption), the electrical system is guaranteed to be safe to work on. The battery positive cable only needs to be disconnected to remove the battery.
- ◆ Before commencing repair work, always eliminate cause of damage, for example, sharp body edges, faulty components, corrosion etc.
- ◆ Further information, for example, installing and removing the individual components, can be found in the appropriate Repair Manual.
- ◆ Soldering is not permissible for repairs to the vehicle electrical system.
- ◆ Repair to the wiring harnesses and connectors on the vehicle electrical system may only be performed using the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978 B- and with previous versions. Only use the yellow wires from the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978 B- .
- ◆ Wiring harness repairs may not be performed again in the wrapping of the vehicle-specific wiring harness and are to be marked with yellow adhesive tape. This indicates a previous repair.
- ◆ Crimp connections must never be repaired. If necessary, lay a wire parallel to the faulty wire. After crimping, crimp connections must be heat-shrunk using hot air gun to prevent moisture penetration.
- ◆ Always observe also the supplementary notes for repairing wiring harnesses on airbag- and seat belt tensioner systems, fiber optic cables, CAN-Bus wires, antenna wires and wire cross-sections up to 0.35 mm². Refer to ["2.4.6 0.13 mm²/0.35 mm²/0.5 mm² Wire, Repairing", page 121](#) .
- ◆ A function test must be performed after every repair. If necessary, check DTC memory, erase and/or bring systems into basic setting.
- ◆ If possible, do not loosen grounding straps from the body (danger of corrosion).
- ◆ Not all wire cross-sections in the vehicle are contained in the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978 B- and its previous versions. If the required wire cross-section is not present, the next greater cross-section must be used.
- ◆ Shielded harnesses may be repaired. Camera system wires are the exception. If faulty, the entire harness must be replaced.
- ◆ Heat-resistant wires have been installed in the vehicle at various locations, mainly in the engine compartment. Heat-resistant wires can be recognized by their somewhat duller and softer insulation. Only heat-resistant wires may be used to repair these wires.



2.2 Wiring Harness Repair Set

⇒ ["2.2.1 Wiring Harness Repair Set VAS 1978", page 109](#)

⇒ ["2.2.2 Upgrade Kit For VAS 1978 VAS 1978/50", page 109](#)

⇒ ["2.2.3 Wiring Harness Repair Set VAS 1978A", page 110](#)

⇒ ["2.2.4 Release Tool Set VAS 1978/35", page 110](#)

2.2.1 Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978-

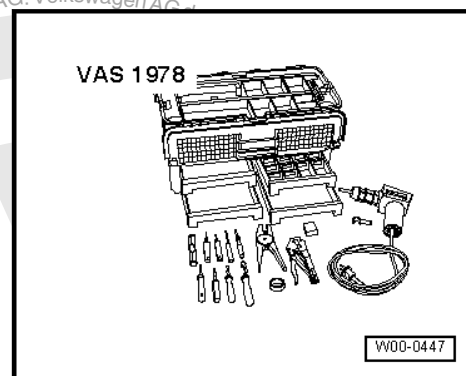
The Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978- makes optimal repair quality possible in the realm of vehicle electronics. Using the tools, repairs affecting harness connectors and for breaks in wiring can be performed. For this purpose, complete repair wires with terminals already crimped on are used and can be connected to vehicle-specific wiring harness by the use of crimp connections. A pair of crimping pliers with three different crimp slots and a hot air gun for shrinking the crimp connections provide trouble-free electrical connection.



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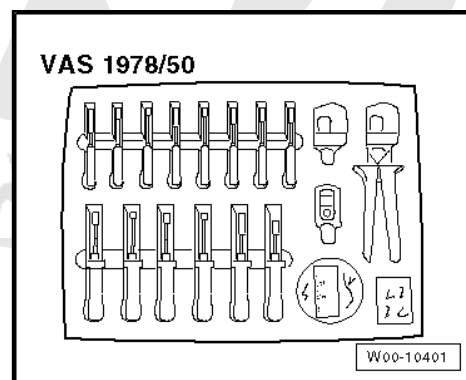
Additional information:

Refer to ⇒ Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978B- Operating Instructions .



2.2.2 Upgrade Kit For VAS 1978 - VAS 1978/50-

The Upgrade Kit For VAS 1978 - VAS 1978/50- is required in order to bring the "old" Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978- up to the new standard of the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978A- . The upgrade kit contains four assembly- and ten release tools as well as new crimping pliers for crimp connections with ² Wiring Harness Repair - Crimping Head - 35-2.5mm - VAS 1978/1-1- , 4.0 - 6.0 mm² -VAS 1978/2 A- and the Wiring Harness Repair Set - Crimping Head - JPT - VAS 1978/9-1- . Furthermore it contains new stickers, a new set of user instructions, crimp connections for 0.35 mm²-wire cross sections and a roll of black felt adhesive tape.





2.2.3 Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978A-

The new Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978A- makes optimal repair quality possible in the realm of vehicle electronics. Using the new pliers, repairs affecting harness connectors and for breaks in wiring can be performed. For this purpose, complete repair wires with terminals already crimped on are used and can be connected to vehicle-specific wiring harness by the use of the four different types of crimp connections. A pair of new crimping pliers with crimping heads and a hot air gun for shrinking the crimp connections provide trouble-free electrical connection.



Note

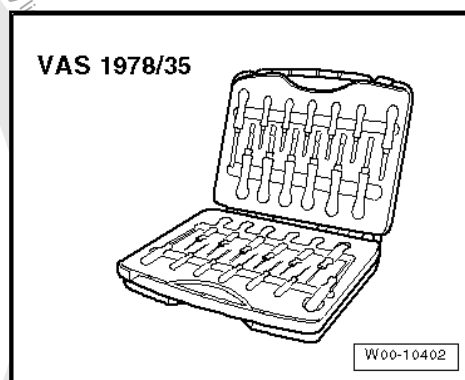
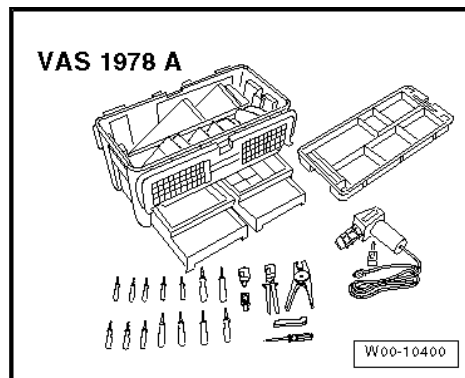
Additional information:

Refer to ➔ Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978B- Operating Manual .

2.2.4 Release Tool Set - VAS 1978/35-

The Release Tool Set - VAS 1978/35- is used to release the various primary and secondary locking mechanisms on VW-group vehicles. The set consists of 26 different tools which can be used to professionally release or assemble for example round connector systems, flat terminals with one or two locks as well as single wire seals.

The allocation of the correct release tools to the respective locking mechanisms can be found in the table in the ➔ Release Tool Set - VAS 1978/35- Operating Instructions .



2.3 Tool Descriptions

⇒ ["2.3.1 Crimping Pliers with Insert", page 111](#)

⇒ ["2.3.2 Contact Release Tools", page 112](#)

⇒ ["2.3.3 Single Wire Seal Assembly Tools", page 112](#)

⇒ ["2.3.4 Wiring Harness Repair Set - Wire Strippers VAS 1978/3", page 112](#)

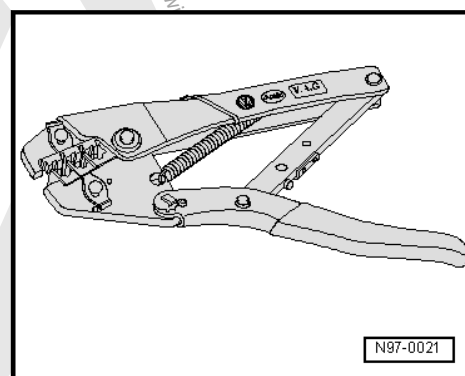
⇒ ["2.3.5 Wiring Harness Repair Set - Hot Air Blower VAS 1978/14A", page 113](#)

⇒ ["2.3.6 Crimping Pliers - .35-2.5mm VAS 1978/1A", page 114](#)

2.3.1 Crimping Pliers with Insert

The Crimping Pliers without Insert - VAS 1978/1- with Crimping Pliers - Insert 2 - VAS 1978/2- is a component of the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978- and is used to crimp the connector during the wiring harness repair.

Color of crimp connectors	Color of crimping slot	Wire cross-section
Yellow	Yellow	0.35 mm ²
Red	Red	0.5 mm ² - 1.0 mm ²
Blue	Blue	1.5 mm ² - 2.5 mm ²
Yellow	Yellow	4.0 mm ² - 6.0 mm ²



Note

- ◆ *The Wiring Harness Repair - Crimping Plier - Base Tool - VAS 1978/1-2- can also be used together with the Wiring Harness Repair - Crimping Head - .35-2.5mm - VAS 1978/1-1- or Wiring Harness Repair Set - Crimping Head - 4-6mm - VAS 1978/2A- to crimp the connectors as an alternative. Refer to ⇒ ["2.3.6 Crimping Pliers - .35-2.5mm VAS 1978/1A", page 114](#) .*
- ◆ *Always be sure to use the correct crimping slot for the crimping connection used.*
- ◆ *Do not crimp wire insulation.*



2.3.2 Contact Release Tools

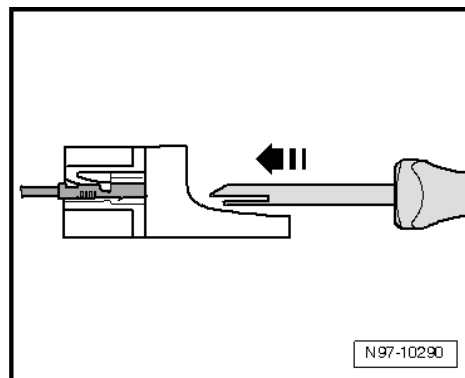
Various release tools are used to remove the different terminals from terminal housings without damage.

A selection of release tools are a component of the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978- and the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978A- . The Release Tool Set - VAS 1978/35- contains the entire set of release tools. Refer to ➤ ["2.2.4 Release Tool Set VAS 1978/35"](#), page 110 .



WARNING

Some tools are supplied with a tool safety clip, which is slid over the tool points after using the tool, in order to protect other workers from injuries and tool points from damage.



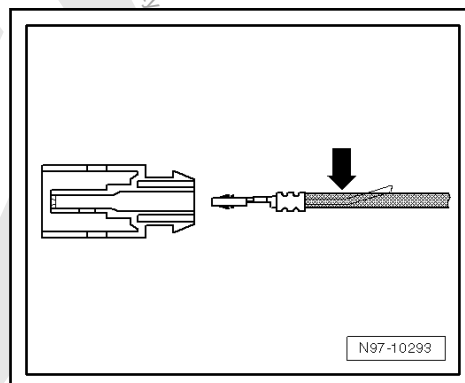
Contact housings, releasing and disassembling. Refer to ➤ ["2.8 Contact Housings, Releasing and Disassembling"](#), page 160 .

2.3.3 Single Wire Seal Assembly Tools

Assembly tools serve the purpose of allowing the single wire seals to be slid without damage into terminal housing up to stop, this achieves a complete seal between single wire and terminal housing.

Four assembly tools for single wire seals are components of the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978 B- and its previous versions.

Assembly of single wire seals. Refer to ➤ ["2.7.3 Single Wire Seals, Installing"](#), page 158 .



2.3.4 Wiring Harness Repair Set - Wire Strippers - VAS 1978/3-

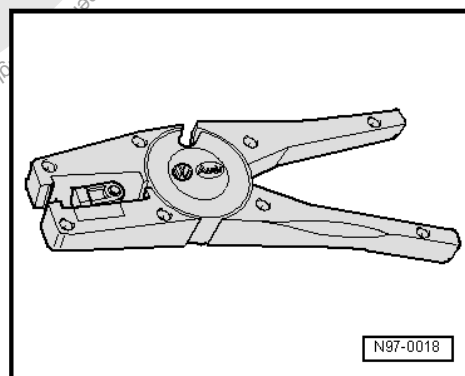
The Wiring Harness Repair Set - Wire Strippers - VAS 1978/3- is used for professional stripping and cutting of wires.

The Wiring Harness Repair Set - Wire Strippers - VAS 1978/3- is a component of the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978 B- and its previous versions.

Wire stripper has an adjustable stop in its pliers-jaws which can be set to the desired length of wire insulation to be removed.

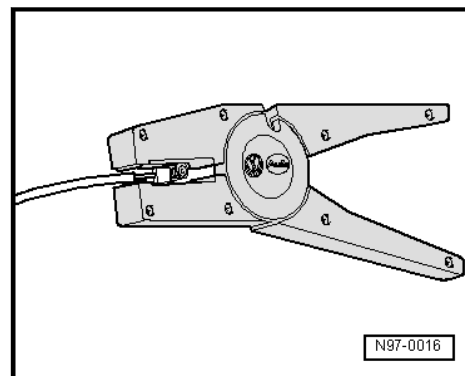
Stripping:

- Set the slideable stop in pliers-jaws to the desired length dimension to be stripped.

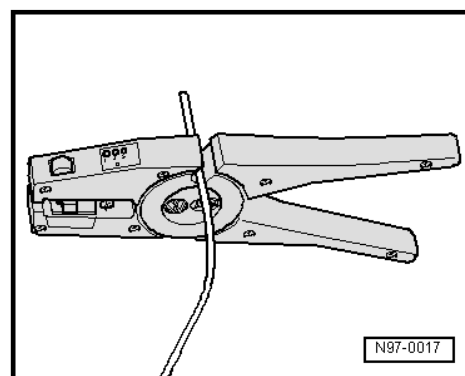




- Insert wire end from front up to stop into jaws of pliers and squeeze the pliers completely.
- Open pliers again and remove the stripped wire end.



- If necessary, cut wires using side-cutter function on the top of the wire stripper.



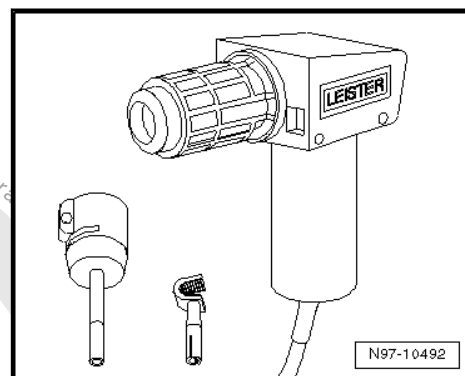
2.3.5 Wiring Harness Repair Set - Hot Air Blower - VAS 1978/14A-



Caution

When heat-shrinking crimp connections, be careful not to damage any other wiring, plastic parts or insulating material with the hot nozzle of the hot air gun.

Always observe operating instructions of heat gun.



The Wiring Harness Repair Set - Hot Air Blower - VAS 1978/14A- is used together with the Wiring Harness Repair - Blower - Shrink Element - VAS 1978/15A- to heat-shrink the crimp connectors. After crimping, crimp connections must be heat-shrunk using hot air gun to prevent moisture penetration.

The Wiring Harness Repair Set - Hot Air Blower - VAS 1978/14A- is a component of the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978 B- and its previous versions.

Crimp connectors, heat-shrinking using the Wiring Harness Repair Set - Hot Air Blower - VAS 1978/14A- . Refer to ➤ ["2.4.9 Wire Break with Single Repair Point", page 135](#) or Refer to ➤ ["2.4.10 Wire Break with Dual Repair Point", page 136](#) .



2.3.6 Crimping Pliers - .35-2.5mm - VAS 1978/1A-

The Crimping Pliers - .35-2.5mm - VAS 1978/1A- or the Wiring Harness Repair - Crimping Plier - Base Tool - VAS 1978/1-2- together with the Wiring Harness Repair - Crimping Head - .35-2.5mm - VAS 1978/1-1- , or the Wiring Harness Repair Set - Crimping Head - 4-6mm - VAS 1978/2A- from the wiring harness repair set is used to compress the crimp connectors.

Crimp connectors, pressing using the Crimping Pliers - .35-2.5mm - VAS 1978/1A- . Refer to ➤ ["2.4.10 Wire Break with Dual Repair Point", page 136](#) .

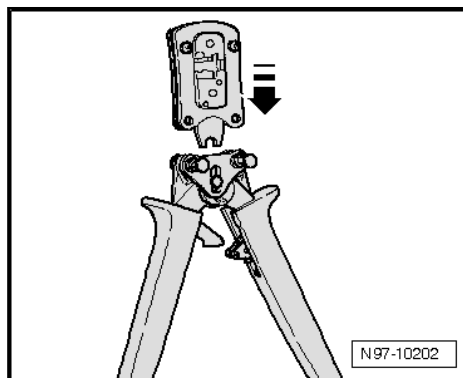
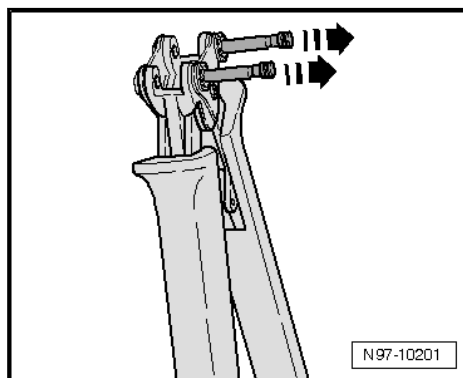
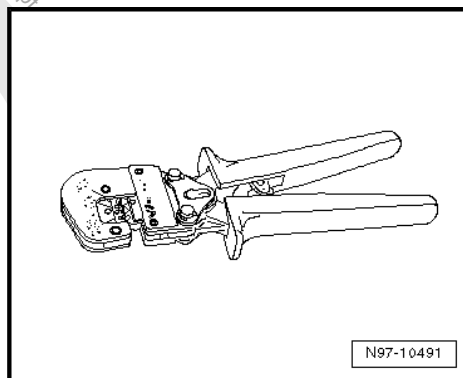
The following crimping heads are available for the Wiring Harness Repair - Crimping Plier - Base Tool - VAS 1978/1-2- :

- ◆ Crimping Head 0.35 mm² - 2.5 mm² - VAS 1978/1-1-
- ◆ Crimping Head 4.0 mm² - 6.0 mm² - VAS 1978/2A-
- ◆ Wiring Harness Repair Set - Crimping Head - JPT - VAS 1978/9-1-

In conjunction with Wiring Harness Repair Set - Crimping Head - JPT - VAS 1978/9-1- , the crimping pliers are used to crimp contacts onto individual wires when repairing wiring cross-sections up to 0.35 mm². Refer to ➤ ["2.4.6 0.13 mm²/0.35 mm²/0.5 mm² Wire, Repairing", page 121](#) .

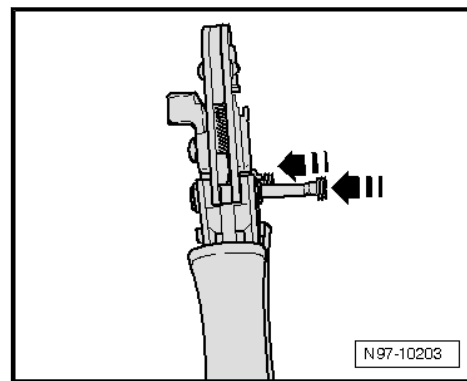
Changing the crimping head:

- Open crimp pliers completely.
- Disengage both locking pins -arrows- from crimp pliers basic tool.
- Insert the required crimping head from above -arrow- in crimp pliers basic tool.





- Lock the crimping head by pressing in the pins -arrows- into crimp pliers basic tool.



2.4 Wiring Harnesses, Repairing

⇒ [“2.4.1 Airbag and Belt Tensioner Wires, Repairing”, page 115](#)

⇒ [“2.4.2 Repairing CAN bus wires”, page 118](#)

⇒ [“2.4.3 Repair Kit for FlexRay Wires with Coating”, page 118](#)

⇒ [“2.4.4 Repair Kit for FlexRay Wires without Coating”, page 119](#)

⇒ [“2.4.5 Antenna Wires, Replacing”, page 120](#)

⇒ [“2.4.6 0.13 mm²/0.35 mm²/0.5 mm² Wire, Repairing”, page 121](#)

⇒ [“2.4.7 10 mm²- or 16 mm² Wires with Separate Butt Connectors, Repairing”, page 125](#)

⇒ [“2.4.8 2.5 mm², 4 mm² or 6 mm² Aluminum Wires with Separate Butt Connectors, Repairing”, page 130](#)

⇒ [“2.4.9 Wire Break with Single Repair Point”, page 135](#)

⇒ [“2.4.10 Wire Break with Dual Repair Point”, page 136](#)

⇒ [“2.4.11 Repair of Ethernet Lines”, page 138](#)

⇒ [“2.4.12 Wire Section Repairs”, page 138](#)



Note

Observe general notes for repairs on the vehicle electrical system. Refer to ⇒ [“2.1 Vehicle Electrical System, General Repair Information”, page 106](#).

2.4.1 Airbag and Belt Tensioner Wires, Repairing

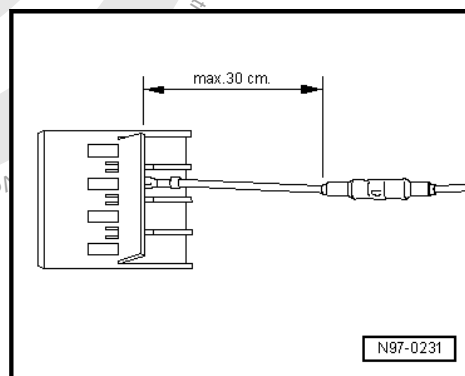
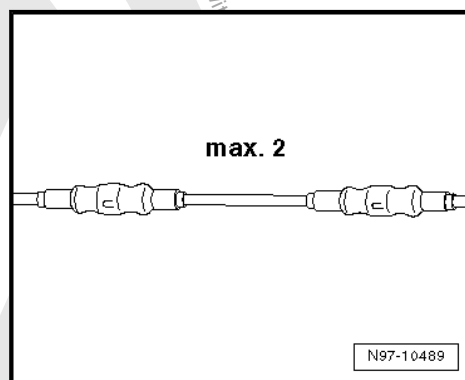
In addition to the general repairs on wiring harnesses, the following methods and instructions must be observed for repairs on airbag- and seat belt tensioner wires:





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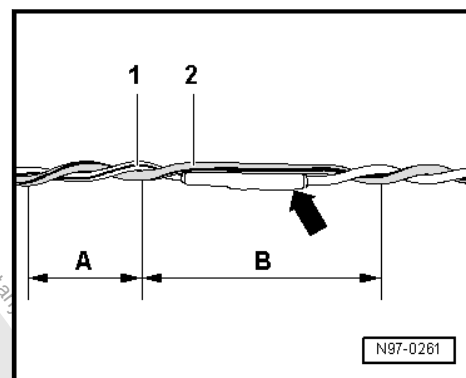
- ◆ *The airbag and seat belt tensioner system can fail.*
- ◆ *Faulty repairs performed on airbag and seat belt tensioner system can lead to malfunction in passenger protection.*
- ◆ *When performing repairs on airbag and seat belt tensioner wiring harness, use only terminals, connectors and wires designated for it. Refer to the ➔ Electronic Parts Catalog (ETKA) .*





Note

- ◆ *Air bag wires and the safety belt tensioner wiring harness may repaired only with the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978 B- and previous versions.*
- ◆ *Observe general notes for repairs on the vehicle electrical system. Refer to ➤ "2.1 Vehicle Electrical System, General Repair Information", page 106 .*
- ◆ *Pay attention to decals designating high-voltage components. When performing repairs, the residual voltage must be discharged. Refer to ➤ Body Interior; Rep. Gr. 69 ; Passenger Protection .*
- ◆ *A maximum of two repairs may be performed when repairing wires of airbag- and seat belt tensioner system. Repairs increase the electrical resistance in the wire and may trigger malfunctions in the system On Board Diagnostic (OBD).*
- ◆ *When repairing wiring harness of airbag- and seat belt tensioner system, the crimp connectors must always be heat-shrunk to prevent corrosion.*
- ◆ *Do not wrap the repair point again into the vehicle-specific wiring harness and mark the repair point quite visibly with yellow insulating tape.*
- ◆ *Repairs in the area of the airbag or seat belt tensioner should be performed a maximum of 30 cm from the next contact housing. Together with the identification via yellow insulating tape, this procedure makes it possible to obtain a quick overview of previously performed repairs.*
- ◆ *Wires to the deploying units (airbags) have a wire-twisting with a length of lay of $20\text{ mm} \pm 5\text{ mm}$ in series production. This length of lay is guaranteed via the norm part numbers for wire pairs in series production and must be observed strictly for the repair lengths of twisted wires.*
- ◆ *During repair work, wires to deploying units (airbags) must have the same length. When twisting together wires -1- and -2-, length of lay of $A=20\text{ mm} \pm 5$ must be strictly observed.*
- ◆ *While doing this, no section of the wire, for example, in area of crimp connectors -arrow-, may be greater than $B = 100\text{ mm}$ without twisting of the wires.*



Pay attention to the following when repairing the airbag and seat belt tensioner unit connectors:

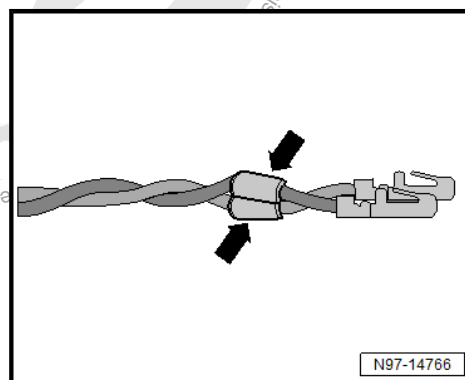
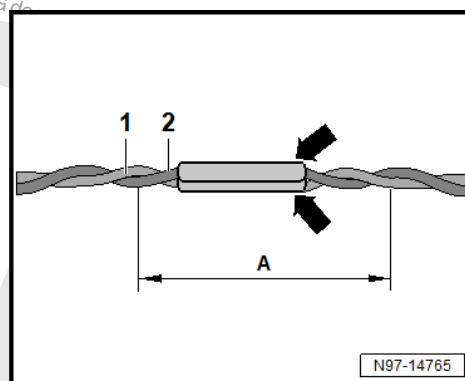
The different connectors are only available with connected wires.

The repair connectors with wires always have the same wire colors. Pin 1 is black, pin 2 is yellow and, if equipped, pin 3 is brown.

The correct allocation of the wires is determined in the wiring diagram. Refer to ➤ Wiring diagrams, Troubleshooting & Component locations.

2.4.2 Repairing CAN bus wires

- ◆ Observe general notes for repairs on the vehicle electrical system. Refer to ➤ ["2.1 Vehicle Electrical System, General Repair Information", page 106](#) .
- ◆ As a CAN bus wires unshielded, twisted two-wire lines -1- and -2- are used.
- ◆ When repairing CAN bus wires, both wires must be same length.
- ◆ The repair of individual wire leads is not permitted.
- ◆ The repair of CAN bus wires must take place with the matching cross section.
- ◆ For the allocation use the ➤ Electronic Parts Catalog (ETKA) .
- ◆ No excess lengths may be created by the repair.
- ◆ While doing this, no section of the wire, for example in area of crimp connectors -arrows-, may be greater than -A-: 50 mm without twisting of the wires.
- ◆ Wrap repair locations with yellow adhesive tape to mark a performed repair.
- ◆ The crimping of cables with connectors has the same procedure as follows.
- ◆ The repair locations -arrows- must not be on top of each other.
- ◆ The color coding for the CAN bus wires can be taken from the wiring diagram. Refer to ➤ Wiring diagrams, Troubleshooting & Component locations.



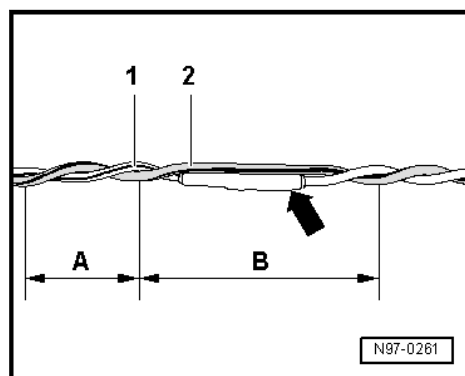
2.4.3 Repair Kit for FlexRay Wires with Coating



Note

The repair of FlexRay wires with coating can only take place using FlexRay wires with coating from the ➤ Electronic Parts Catalog (ETKA) .

A two-layer wire -1 and 2- with a 0.35 mm^2 profile is used as a FlexRay wire.



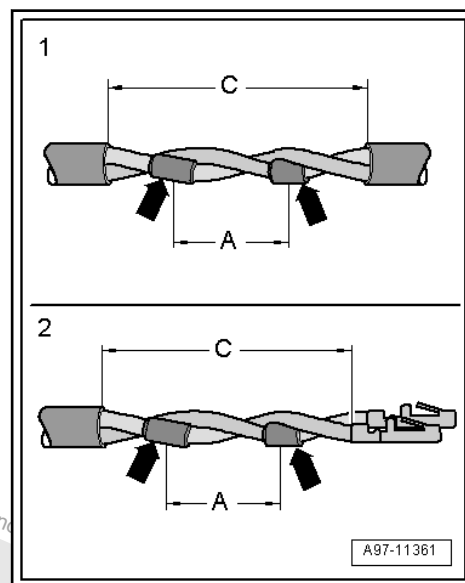


- ◆ During repair work, both wires must have the same length.
- ◆ When twisting the wires -1 and 2- together, the -A- = 30 mm routing length must be maintained.
- ◆ While doing so, no section of wire may be greater than -B- = 50 mm without twisting the wires, for example in the area of crimp connectors -arrow-.
- ◆ Maximum exposed wire length: -C- = 100 mm.
- ◆ Protect the area from environmental conditions using appropriate actions. Use a crimp connector with heat-shrinkable tube over the untwisted location being repairs and water-proof insulation over the exposed wire.
- ◆ Mark the location of the repair with something suitable, for example, with yellow tape.
- ◆ Repairing both wires is identical to repairing just one wire.
- ◆ Position both repaired location -arrows- -A- = 30 mm opposite each other.
- ◆ The crimping of cable ends with connectors has to be done the same way.

1 - Repair location in the area without insulation

2 - Repair location with connectors

C - Maximum exposed length = 100 mm



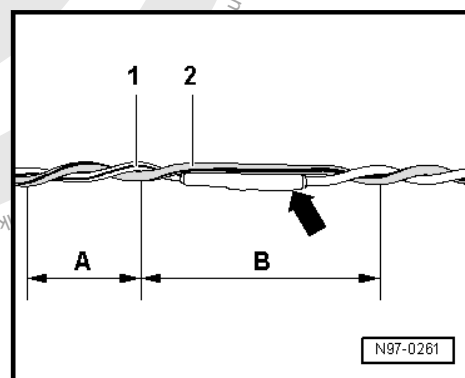
2.4.4 Repair Kit for FlexRay Wires without Coating



Note

The repair of FlexRay wires without coating can only take place using FlexRay wires without coating from the ⇒ Electronic Parts Catalog (ETKA).

Unshielded, twisted two-wire lines -1- and -2- with a cross section of 0.35 mm^2 can be used as FlexRay wires.

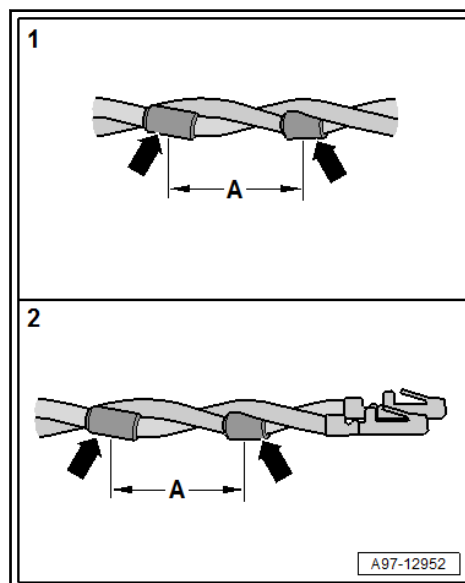




- ◆ During repair work, both FlexRay wires must have the same length.
- ◆ When twisting the wires -1 and 2- together, the -A- = 20 mm routing length must be maintained.
- ◆ While doing so, no section of wire may be greater than -B- = 40 mm without twisting the wires, for example in the area of crimp connectors -arrow-.
- ◆ Mark the location of the repair with something suitable, for example, with yellow tape.
- ◆ Repairing both FlexRay wires is identical to repairing just one wire.
- ◆ Position both repaired locations -A- = 20 mm opposite each other.
- ◆ The crimping of cable ends with connectors has to be done the same way.

1 - Repair location in wiring harness

2 - Repair location with connectors



2.4.5 Antenna Wires, Replacing

A new repair concept has been developed for repairing antenna wires. Refer to ➤ ["2.6 Antenna Wires, Repairing", page 144](#).

Instead of a complete antenna wire, connecting wires of different lengths and various adapter leads are now available as replacement parts.

General Description:

- ◆ To find the replacement parts refer to ➤ Parts Catalog (ET-KA): Special catalog; electrical connections; original accessories; subgroup 35 as of illustration no. 035-20.
- ◆ These original replacement parts are suitable for all antenna wires and wire cross sections to be replaced.
- ◆ Connector housing for antenna wires can be obtained as a replacement part only in one color, but can be used for all antenna connector colors.
- ◆ The replacement of individual antenna connectors during repair work is not intended.
- ◆ The wires are appropriate for use on all VW models with equipped antenna wiring cross-sections.
- ◆ All adapter leads and connecting wires are suitable for various transmission and reception signals.
- ◆ This repair concept can also be used for testing or as an after-market solution.



Overview - antenna wire

Example: antenna wire from the radio to the antenna is faulty.
The following wires are required for repair:

- 1 - Adapter lead for connection to radio. Length approximately 30 cm.
- 2 - Connecting wire, available in various lengths.
- 3 - Adapter lead, for connection to antenna. Length approximately 30 cm.

Installation of a new antenna wire:



Note

Depending on vehicle equipment, make sure that the total length of antenna wire can be divided into partial lengths by control modules for antenna selection, control modules for traffic monitoring or antenna amplifier. Only the defective sections need to be replaced.

- Separate the connectors of the faulty antenna wiring from their components.
- Determine the path of the faulty antenna wire in the vehicle and measure the total length of antenna wire to be replaced.

The entire length of the antenna wire consists of the length of the required adapter leads -1- and -3- as well as the connecting wire -2-.

- Subtract 60 cm from the total length calculation for an antenna wire to provide for the required length of connecting wire -2- to be installed.
- Obtain the required adapter leads -1- and -3- as well as the calculated length of connecting wire -2- as genuine replacement part according to the Electronic Parts Catalog (ETKA).
- Cut the connectors off of the faulty antenna wiring.

Leave the rest of the defective antenna wire in the vehicle.

- Connect adapter leads -1- and -3- to modules in vehicle.
- Route and secure connecting wire -2- in the immediate vicinity of the series-installed wire routing.



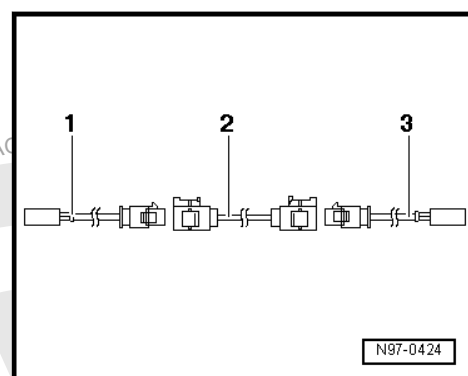
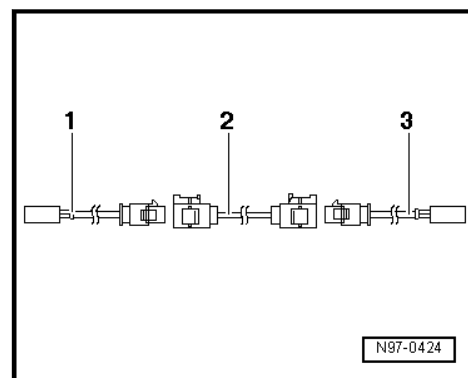
Note

Antenna wires must not be kinked or excessively bent! The bending radius must not be less than 50 mm.

- Connect the connecting wire with the adapter leads.
- Perform function test.

2.4.6 0.13 mm²/0.35 mm²/0.5 mm² Wire, Repairing

Special tools and workshop equipment required





- ◆ Wiring Harness Repair Set - Hot Air Blower - VAS 1978/14A-
from the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978 B-



- ◆ Wiring Harness Repair - Crimping Plier - Base Tool - VAS 1978/1-2- from Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978 B-
- ◆ Wiring Harness Repair - Interchangeable Head - VAS 1978/1-3-



Note

For the repair there are repair wires with a 0.35 mm^2 and 0.5 mm^2 cross section.

Procedure

- Install the Wiring Harness Repair - Interchangeable Head - VAS 1978/1-3- -1- as follows on the Wiring Harness Repair - Crimping Plier - Base Tool - VAS 1978/1-2- :
- Open the Wiring Harness Repair - Crimping Plier - Base Tool - VAS 1978/1-2- .



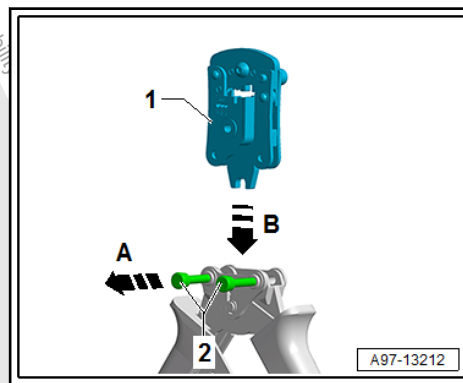
- Remove the locking pin -2- all the way in the -direction of the arrow A-.
- Insert the Wiring Harness Repair - Interchangeable Head - VAS 1978/1-3- -1- in the -direction of the arrow B- centered in the Wiring Harness Repair - Crimping Plier - Base Tool - VAS 1978/1-2- .
- Push back in the locking pin -2- all the way.
- Free up the wire to be repaired approximately 20 cm on both sides of the repair point.



Caution

Risk of damaging the wires.

- ◆ **Expose wrapped wiring harnesses carefully**



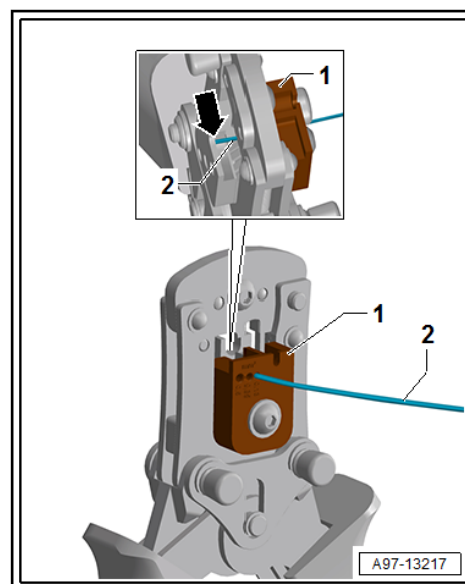
- If necessary remove the wiring harness wrapping.
- Cut out the damaged wire section using a cutting wire.



Note

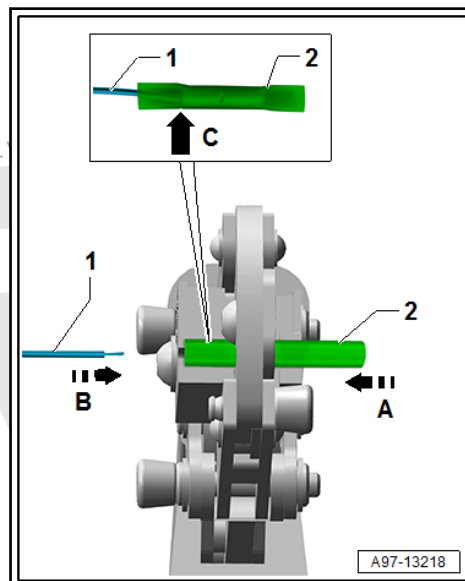
- ◆ *When both ends of the vehicle-specific single wire are too short after cutting out the damaged wire section for a repair with a separate crimp connector, insert a corresponding long piece of yellow repair wire with two crimp connectors.*
- ◆ *When repairing the single wire with crimped on/connected contact place the yellow repair wire near the damaged vehicle-specific single wire and cut to the required length.*

- Insert the wire end -2- all the way -arrow- in the cross section fitting mount on the Wiring Harness Repair - Interchangeable Head - VAS 1978/1-3- -1-.
- Completely push together the crimping pliers and hold them together.
- Remove the wire end -2- from the Wiring Harness Repair - Interchangeable Head - VAS 1978/1-3- -1- to strip.
- Open the crimping pliers again.
- The insulation must be cut cleanly and removed from the wires.
- No insulation can remain on bare wires.
- The single wires must not be damaged.
- Use the small transparent crimp connector from the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978 B- .
- For 0.13 mm² wires, also slide a heat-shrinkable tube onto one of the wires. Refer to the ➔ Electronic Parts Catalog (ETKA) .

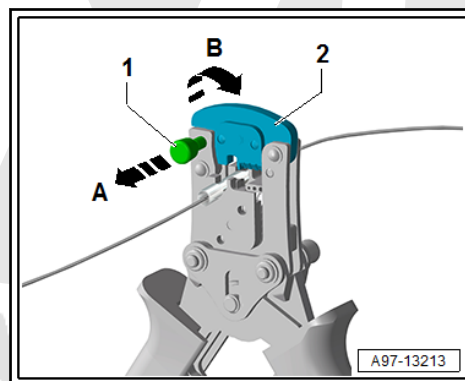




- Push the crimp connector -2- all the way in the -direction of the arrow A- in the clamp opening on the Wiring Harness Repair - Interchangeable Head - VAS 1978/1-3- .
- Push the striped wire -1- in the -direction of the arrow B- in the crimp connector -2-.
- All single wires must be pushed in the crimp connector -2-
- Do not crimp wire insulation -arrow C-.
- Push the crimping pliers completely together and then open.
- Remove the wire with the crimp connector.
- Repeat the wire crimping with the crimp connector on the other side as described.

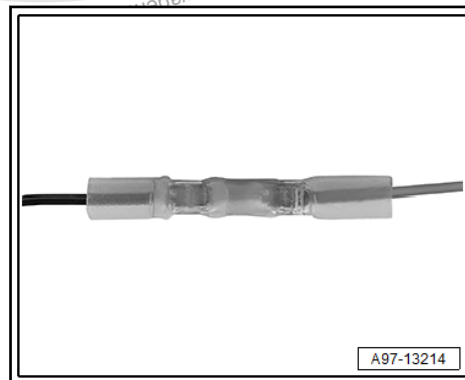


- Remove the locking pin -1- all the way in the -direction of the arrow A-.
- Pivot the upper section on the Wiring Harness Repair - Interchangeable Head - VAS 1978/1-3- -2- in the -direction of the arrow B-.
- Remove the crimped crimp connector.



Correct crimping results

- After crimping, crimp connections must be heat-shrunk using hot air gun to prevent moisture penetration.
- For 0.13 mm² wires, an additional heat-shrinkable tube must be heat-shrunk on to ensure a complete seal.



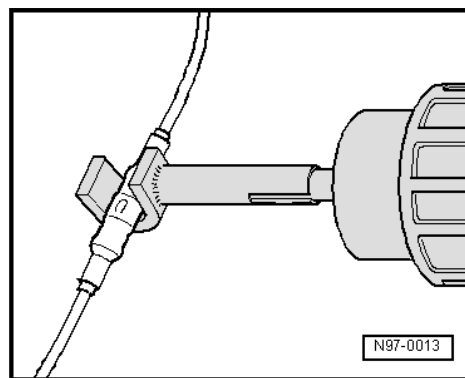
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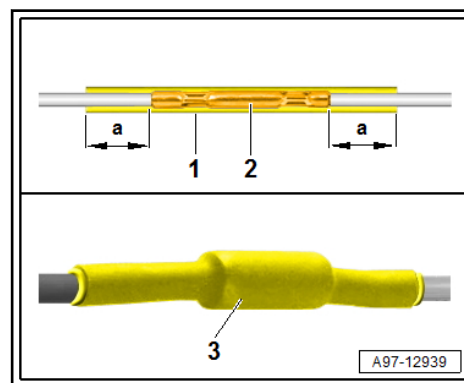
Risk of damaging the wires.

- ◆ *When heat-shrinking the heat-shrinkable tube, be careful not to damage any other wiring, plastic parts or insulating material with the hot nozzle of the hot air blower.*
- ◆ *Always observe operating instructions of heat gun.*



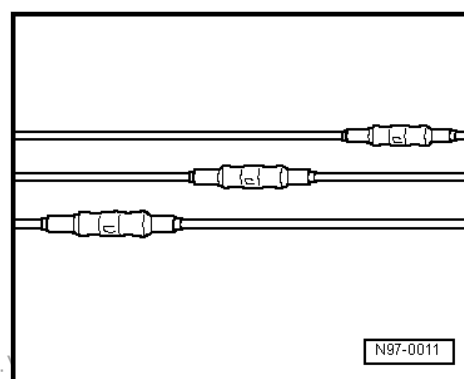


- For 0.13 mm² wires position the heat-shrinkable tube -1- by feeling the contours centered over the crimp connector -2-.
- The dimension -a- must be approximately the same on both sides.
- Heat the heat-shrinkable tube/crimp connector using the hot air blower lengthwise from center outward until it is sealed completely and adhesive comes out the ends.
- The completed repair location -3- must look like so.



Note

- ◆ *Make sure that crimp connections do not lie directly next to each other when several wires need to be repaired. Arrange the crimp connectors at a slight offset so that the circumference of the wiring harness does not become too large.*
- ◆ *If the repair point was previously taped, this point must be taped again with yellow insulating tape after repairs.*
- ◆ *Secure the repaired wiring harness if necessary with a cable tie to prevent flapping noises while driving.*



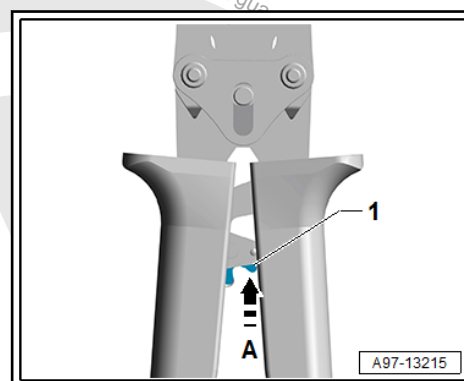
Early release

- Push the operating lever -1- upward in the -direction of the arrow A-.
- At the same time push the crimping pliers together and then open.



Caution

- ◆ *Do not use the crimp connector after it is early released.*



2.4.7 10 mm²- or 16 mm² Wires with Separate Butt Connectors, Repairing

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Wiring Harness Repair Set - Hot Air Blower - VAS 1978/14A- from the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978 B-

VAS 1978 B



- ◆ Wiring Harness Repair - Blower - Shrink Element - VAS 1978/15A- from the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978 B-



♦ Wiring Harness Repair Set VAS 631 003 - VAS 631 003-

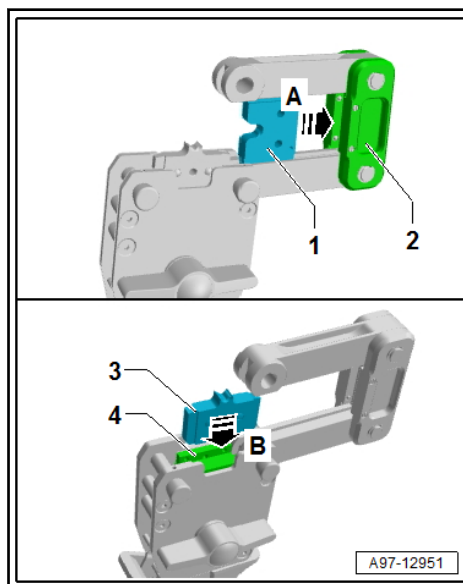
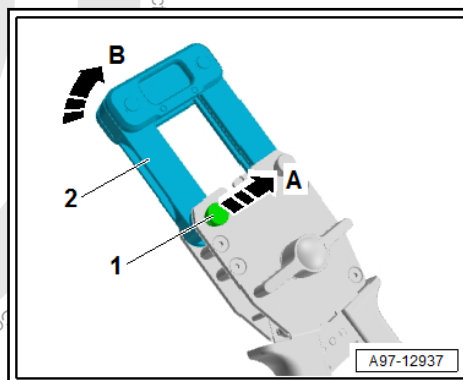


Note

- ♦ *For the repair there are repair wires with a 10mm² or 16mm² cross section.*
- ♦ *There are also separate repair wires with a crimped on/connected contact available for the repair.*

Procedure

- For the wire cross-section install the suitable crimp insert and crimp stamp as follows on the crimping pliers:
- Open the crimping pliers from the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 631 003- .
- Remove the locking pin -1- all the way in the -direction of the arrow A-.
- Open the adapter -2- in the -direction of the arrow B-.
- Push in the crimp stamp -1- until it clicks into place in the mount -2- on the adapter -arrow A-.
- Push in the crimp insert -3- until it engages audibly in the mount -4- of the crimping pliers -arrow B-.



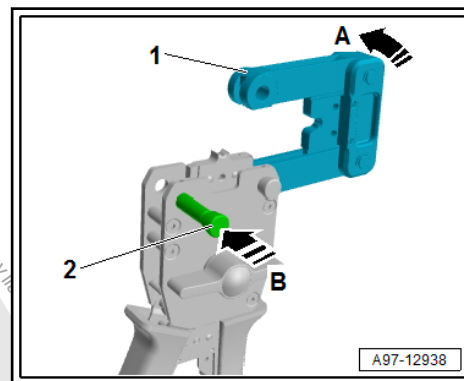
- Close the adapter -1- in the -direction of the arrow A-.
- Push the locking pin -2- in the -direction of the arrow- all the way.
- Free up the wire to be repaired approximately 20 cm on both sides of the repair point.



Caution

Risk of damaging the electrical wires.

- ◆ **Expose wrapped wiring harnesses carefully.**



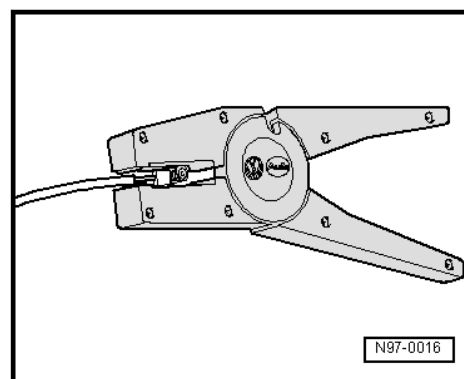
- If necessary, removing the wiring harness wrapping using a knife.

Cut the damaged section of the wire with wire cutters from the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 631 003- .



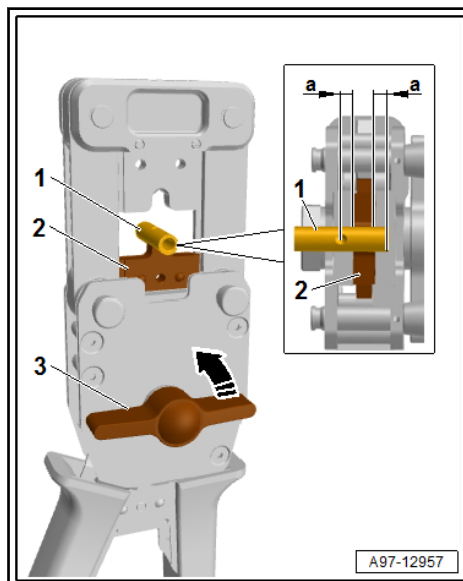
Note

- ◆ *When both ends of the vehicle-specific single wire are too short after cutting out the damaged wire section for a repair with a separate butt connector, insert a corresponding long piece of yellow repair wire with two butt connectors.*
- ◆ *When repairing the single wire with crimped on/connected contact place the yellow repair wire near the damaged vehicle-specific single wire and cut to the required length.*
- Adjust the sliding stop in the wire stripper pliers jaws from the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 631 003- to the length for the wire to be stripped.
- ◆ 10 mm² wires: 14 mm
- ◆ 16 mm² wires: 16.5 mm
- Insert wire end from front up to stop into jaws of pliers and squeeze the pliers completely.
- Open pliers again and remove the stripped wire end.
- The insulation must be cut cleanly and removed from the wires.
- No insulation can remain on bare wires.
- The single wires must not be damaged.
- For the repair remove the corresponding butt connection and a heat-shrinkable tube from the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 631 003- .
- Push the heat-shrinkable tube on one of the wires.





- Position the butt connection -1- with the first crimping position centered on the crimp insert -2-.
- The dimension -a- must be the same on both sides
- Turn the quick feed lever -3- counter-clockwise -arrow- until the butt connection -1- is secured.



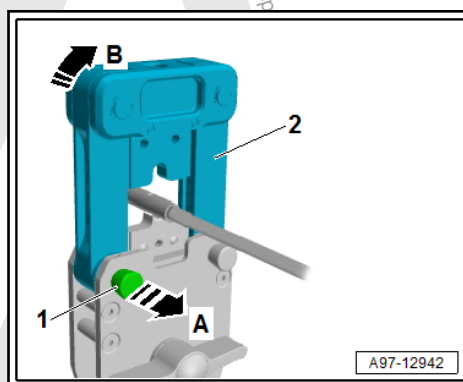
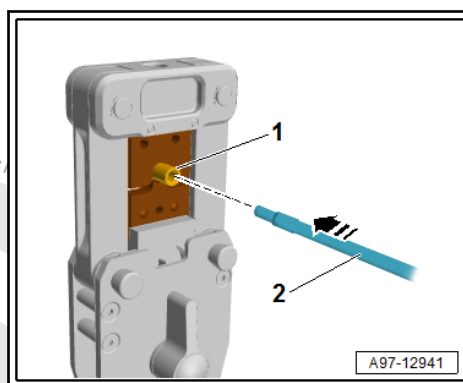
- Insert the wire -2- with the bare wire end all the way in the butt connection -1- -arrow-.
- All single wires must be pushed into the butt connection.
- Completely close and open the crimping pliers several times until the crimp insert goes downward by itself in its original position.



Note

The wire insulation must not be crimped at the same time.

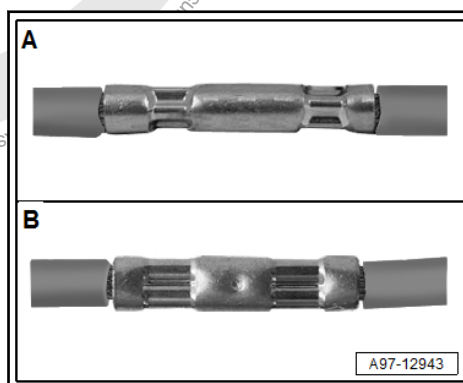
- Repeat the wire crimping on the other side as described.
- Remove the securing pin in the -direction of the arrow A- until it stops.
- Open the adapter in the -direction of the arrow B-.
- Remove the crimped butt connectors.



Correct crimping results

A - 10 mm², Star crimp

B - 16 mm², B-Crimp





After crimping the heat-shrinkable tube must be positioned over the butt connection and heat-shrunk with a hot air gun, to prevent moisture from entering.

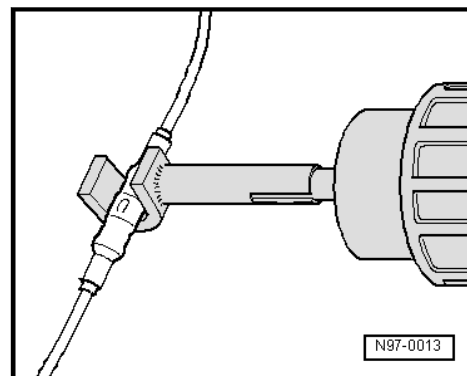
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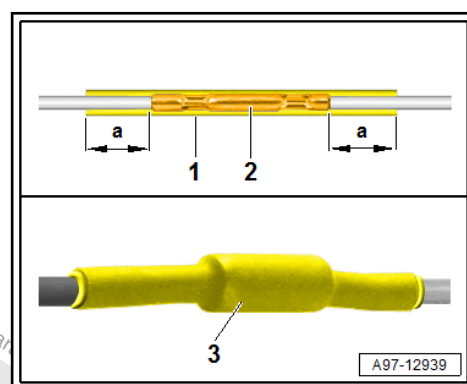
Caution

Risk of damaging surrounding components.

- ◆ **When heat-shrinking the heat-shrinkable tube, be careful not to damage any other wiring, plastic parts or insulating material with the hot nozzle of the hot air blower.**
- ◆ **Always observe operating instructions of heat gun.**

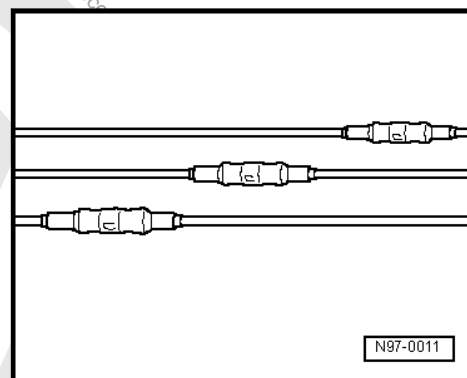


- Position the heat-shrinkable tube -1- by feeling the contours centered over the butt connection -2-.
- The dimension -a- must be approximately the same on both sides
- Heat the heat-shrinkable tube using the hot air blower lengthwise from center outward until it is sealed completely and adhesive comes out the ends.
- The completed repair location -3- must look like so.



Note

- ◆ **Make sure that the butt connections do not lie directly next to each other when several wires need to be repaired. Arrange the butt connection at a slight offset so that the circumference of the wiring harness does not become too large.**
- ◆ **If the repair point was previous taped, this point must be taped again with yellow insulating tape after repairs.**
- ◆ **Secure the repaired wiring harness if necessary with a cable tie to prevent flapping noises while driving.**





Early release

- Push the lever -1- downward in -arrow A-.
- Turn the quick feel lever -2- clockwise -arrow B- until the crimp insert is in its original position.

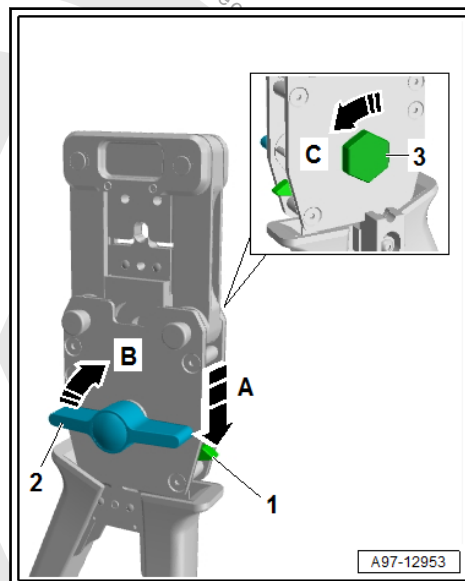
If releasing by hand is not possible then:

- Push the lever -1- downward in -arrow A-.
- Place the socket from the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 631 003- on the bolt -3- on the rear side.
- Turn the socket counter-clockwise -arrow C- until the crimp insert is in its original position,



Caution

Do not use the butt connectors after they are early released.



2.4.8 2.5 mm², 4 mm² or 6 mm² Aluminum Wires with Separate Butt Connectors, Repairing

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ♦ Wiring Harness Repair Set - Hot Air Blower - VAS 1978/14A- from the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978 B-



- ♦ Wiring Harness Repair - Blower - Shrink Element - VAS 1978/15A- from the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 1978 B-
- ♦ Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 631 001-



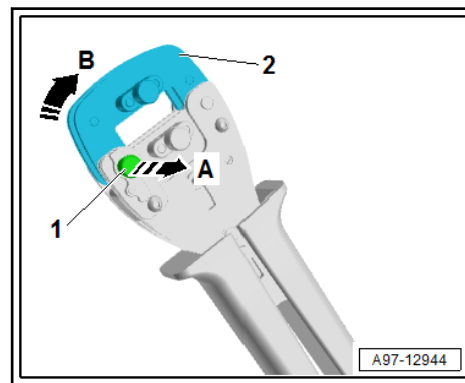
Note

- ♦ For the repair there are copper repair wires with a 2.5mm² or 4 mm² or 6 mm² cross section.
- ♦ There are also separate copper repair wires with a crimped on contacts available for the repair.

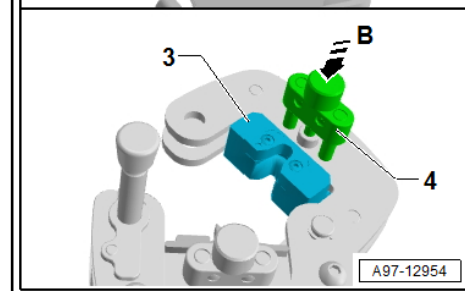
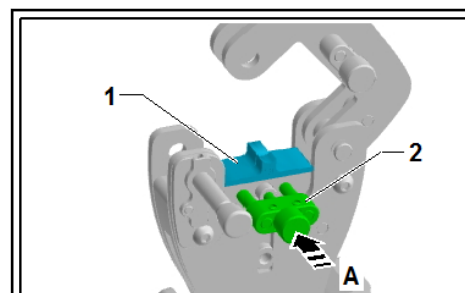


Procedure

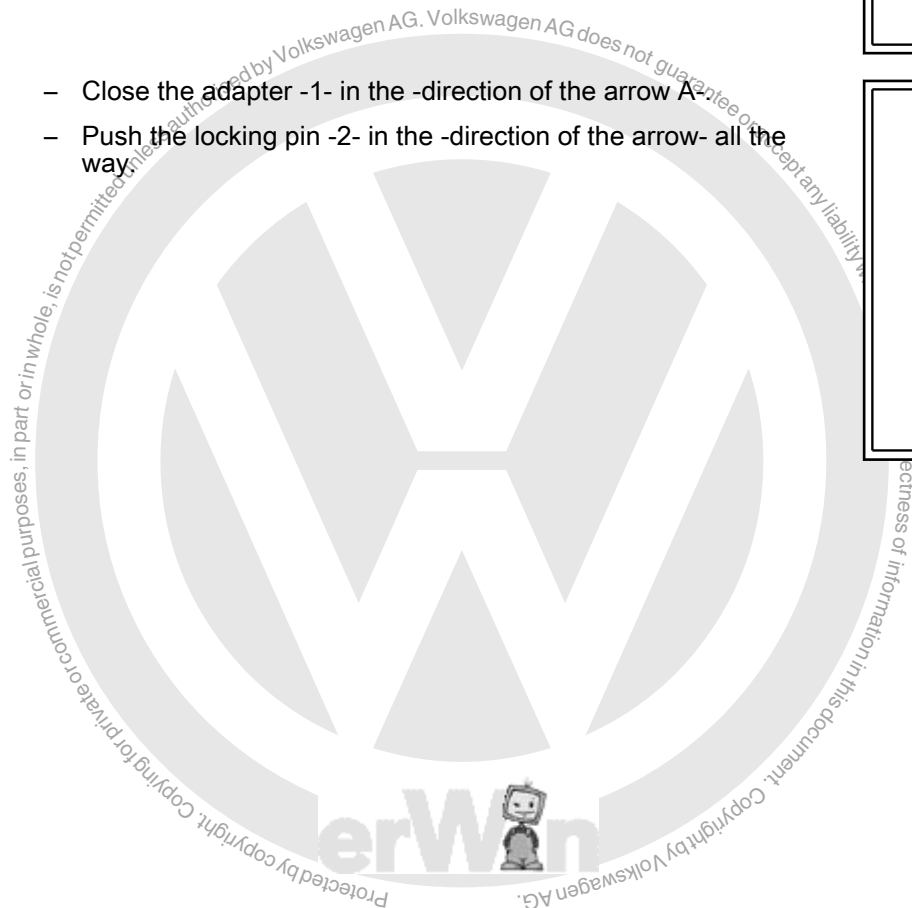
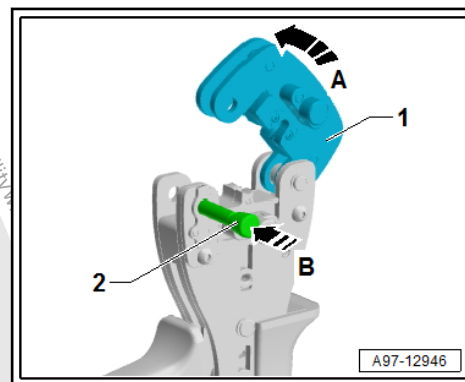
- Install the corresponding crimp insert, crimp stamp and contact positioner for the wire cross-section with the contact cross bar as follows on the crimping tool.
- Open the crimping tool from the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 631 001- .
- Remove the locking pin -1- all the way in the -direction of the arrow A-.
- Open the mount -2- in the -direction of the arrow B-.



- Insert the crimp insert -1- in the crimping tool so that the crimp insert -1- is flush with the front of the clamps.
- Tighten the crimp insert with the pins -2- -arrow A- and the knurled screw hand tight.
- Insert the crimp stamp -3- that fits the crimp insert in the mount.
- Secure the crimp stamp with the pin -4- -arrow B- and the knurled screw hand-tight.



- Close the adapter -1- in the -direction of the arrow A-.
- Push the locking pin -2- in the -direction of the arrow- all the way.





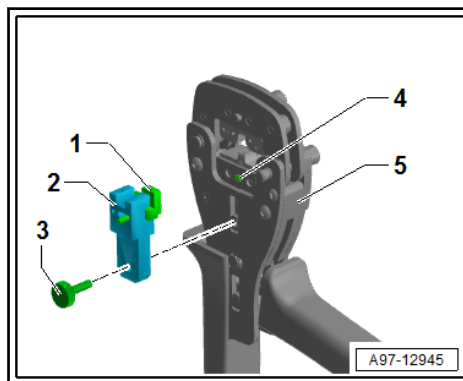
- Insert the contact cross bar -1- in the contact positioner -2-.
- Position the contact positioner with the contact cross bar on the crimping tool -5- at the same time push the holes in the contact positioner -2- over the knurled screw -4-.
- Install the knurled bolt -3- and tighten hand-tight.
- Free up the wire to be repaired approximately 20 cm on both sides of the repair point.



Caution

Risk of damaging the electrical wires.

- ◆ *Expose wrapped wiring harnesses carefully.*

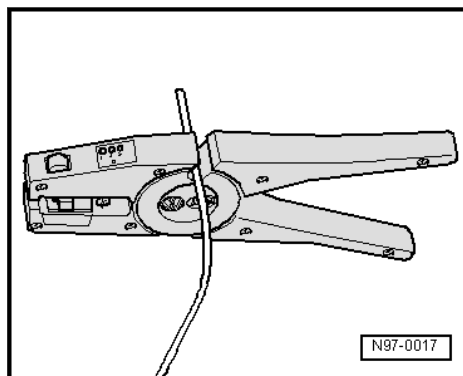


- If necessary, removing the wiring harness wrapping using a knife.
- Cut the damaged section of the wire with a wire stripper from the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 631 001- .

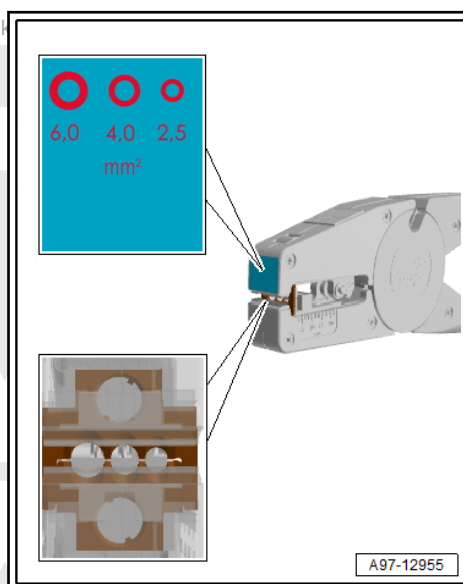


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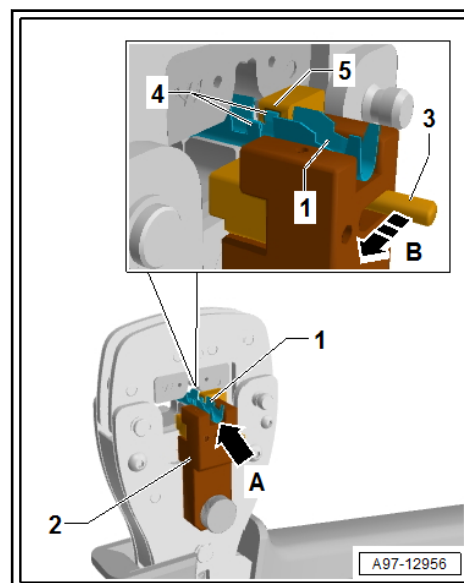
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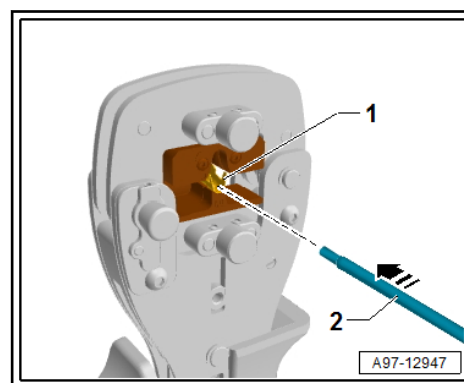
- Insert the wire end from the front all the way in to the wire cross-section corresponding mount in the jaws of the pliers.
- Push the pliers completely together.
- Open pliers again and remove the stripped wire end.
- The insulation must be cut cleanly and removed from the wires.
- No insulation can remain on bare wires.
- The single wires must not be damaged.
- For the repair remove the corresponding butt connection with a heat-shrinkable tube from the Wiring Harness Repair Set - VAS 631 001- .
- Push the heat-shrinkable tube on one of the wires.



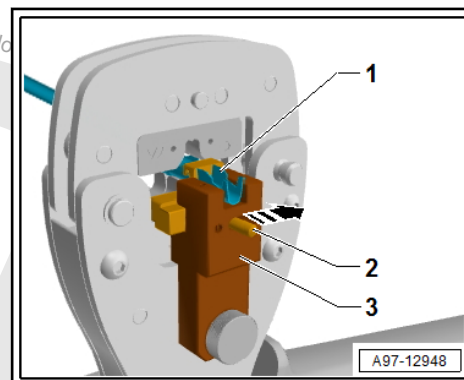
- Place the butt connection -1- in the contact positioner -2-.
- The butt connection -1- must be flush with the contact positioner -2- -arrow A-.
- Push the contact cross bar -3- all the way in the -direction of the arrow B- and secure it with the butt clamp -1-.
- The tab -4- on the butt connection -1- must engage in the groove -5- on the contact cross bar -3-.



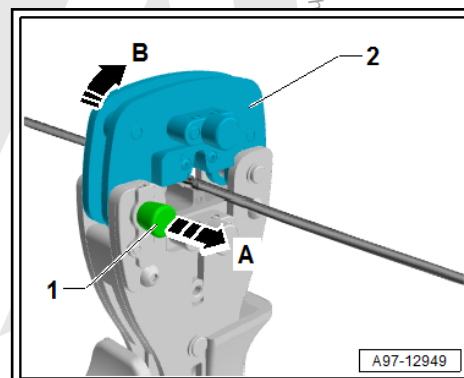
- Insert the wire -2- with the bare wire end all the way in the butt connection -1- -arrow-.
- All single wires must be pushed into the butt connection.
- The insulation end can at a maximum be flush with the front edge of the insulation crimps.
- Close the crimping tool completely until it reopens by itself.



- Push the contact cross bar -2- all the way in the -direction of the arrow-.
- Remove the butt connection -1- from the contact positioner -3-.
- Turn the crimping tool for the second crimping.
- Repeat the wire crimping on the other side as described.



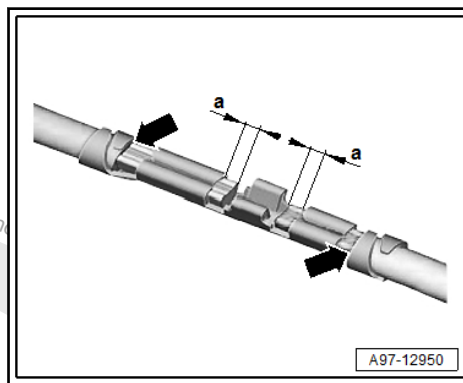
- Remove the securing pin -1- in the -direction of the arrow A- until it stops.
- Open the mount -2- in the -direction of the arrow B-.
- Remove the crimped butt connectors.





Correct crimping results

- The wire ends must project 0.1 mm to 1.0 mm on the front edge of the wire crimps, dimension -a-
- The insulation end must not be crimped in the wire crimps.
- The insulation end can at a maximum be flush with the front edge of the insulation crimps -arrows-



After crimping the heat-shrinkable tube must be positioned over the butt connection and heat-shrunk with a hot air gun, to prevent moisture from entering.

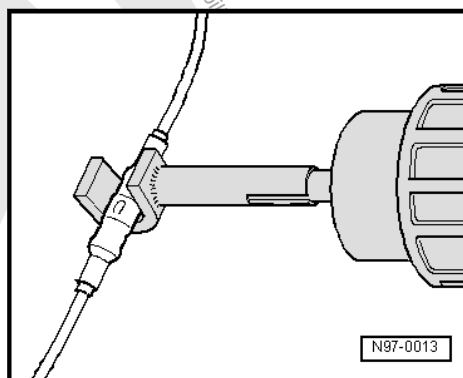
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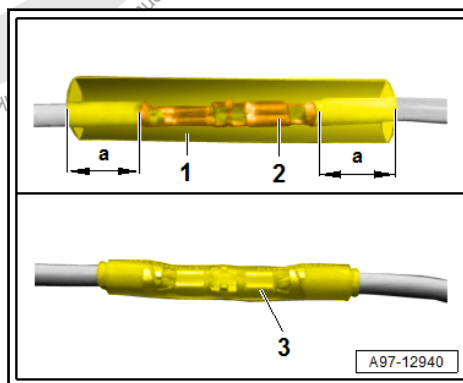
Caution

Risk of damaging surrounding components.

- ◆ *When heat-shrinking the heat-shrinkable tube, be careful not to damage any other wiring, plastic parts or insulating material with the hot nozzle of the hot air blower.*
- ◆ *Always observe operating instructions of heat gun.*

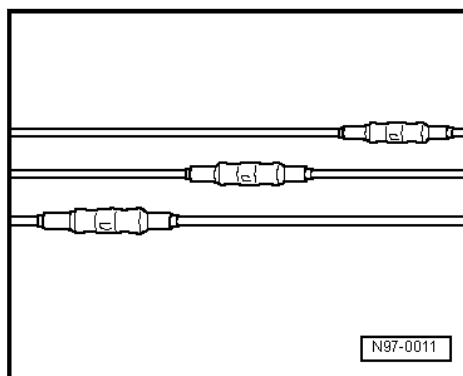


- Position the heat-shrinkable tube -1- centered over the butt connection -2-.
- The dimension -a- must be approximately the same on both sides
- Heat the heat-shrinkable tube using the hot air blower lengthwise from center outward until it is sealed completely and adhesive comes out the ends.
- The completed repair location -3- must look like so.



Note

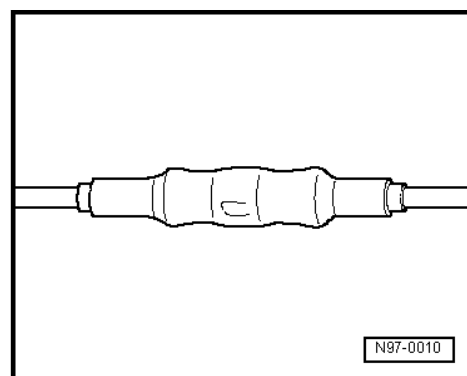
- ◆ *Make sure that the butt connections do not lie directly next to each other when several wires need to be repaired. Arrange the butt connection at a slight offset so that the circumference of the wiring harness does not become too large.*
- ◆ *If the repair point was previously taped, this point must be taped again with yellow insulating tape after repairs.*
- ◆ *Secure the repaired wiring harness if necessary with a cable tie to prevent flapping noises while driving.*



2.4.9 Wire Break with Single Repair Point

Repair point with single crimp connection

- Free up wire intended for repair (approximately 20 cm to both sides of repair point).
- If required, remove wiring harness wrapping using a folding knife.

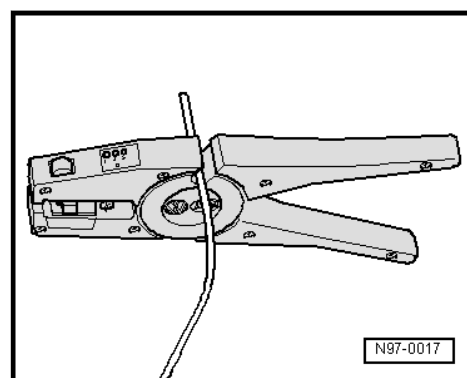


- Cut out the damaged section of wire using the Wiring Harness Repair Set - Wire Strippers - VAS 1978/3-.

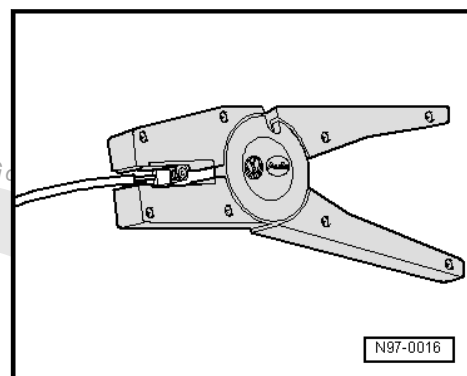


Note

If, by cutting out the damaged wire section, both ends of the vehicle-specific single wire are too short for a repair using a single crimp connection, insert a repair wire section of matching length with two crimp connections. Refer to ➔ ["2.4.10 Wire Break with Dual Repair Point"](#), page 136.



- Strip the wire ends using the 6 to 7 mm wire stripper.



- Slide crimp connection onto both stripped wire ends of vehicle-specific single wire and crimp them using crimp pliers.

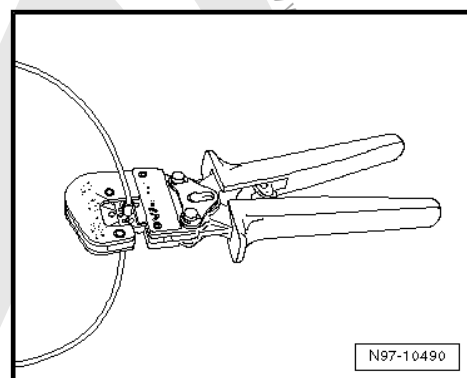


Note

- ♦ *Always be sure to use the correct crimping slot for the crimping connection used. Refer to ➔ ["2.3.1 Crimping Pliers with Insert"](#), page 111.*
- ♦ *Do not crimp wire insulation.*

After crimping, crimp connections must be heat-shrunk using hot air gun to prevent moisture penetration.

- Place the Wiring Harness Repair - Blower - Shrink Element - VAS 1978/15A- on the Wiring Harness Repair Set - Hot Air Blower - VAS 1978/14A-.





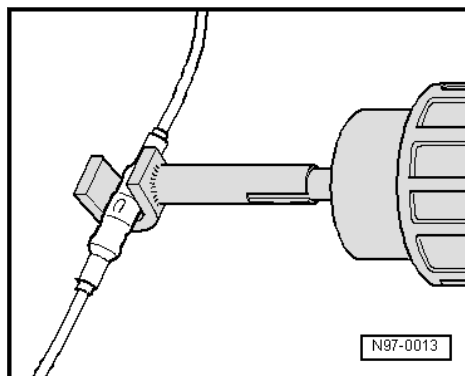
- Heat crimp connection using hot air gun lengthwise from center outward until it is sealed completely and adhesive comes out the ends.



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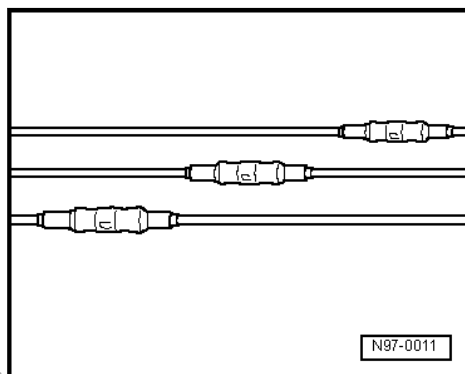
When heat-shrinking crimp connections, be careful not to damage any other wiring, plastic parts or insulating material with the hot nozzle of the hot air gun.

Always observe operating instructions of heat gun.



Note

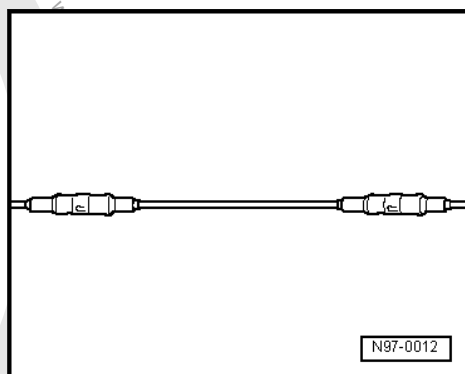
- ♦ Make sure that crimp connections do not lie directly next to each other when several wires need to be repaired. Arrange the crimp connectors at a slight offset so that the circumference of the wiring harness does not become too large.
- ♦ In the event the repair point was previous taped, this point must be taped anew with yellow insulating tape after repairs.
- ♦ Secure the repaired wiring harness if necessary with a cable tie to prevent flapping noises while driving.



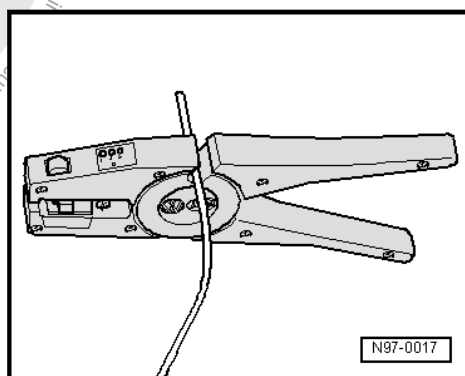
2.4.10 Wire Break with Dual Repair Point

Repair point with intermediate wire section

- Free up wire intended for repair at two points (approximately 20 cm to both sides of respective repair points).
- If required, remove wiring harness wrapping using a folding knife.

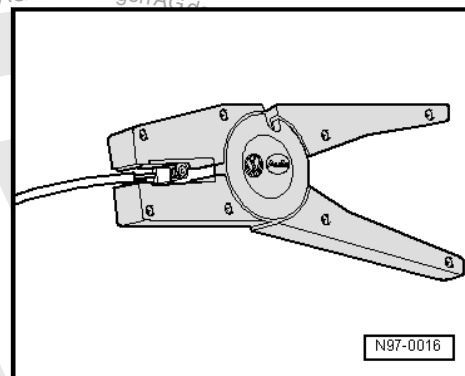


- Route the yellow repair wire next to the damaged wiring harness and cut the repair wire to the required length using the Wiring Harness Repair Set - Wire Strippers - VAS 1978/3- .
- Cut damaged wire section from the vehicle-specific single wire.





- Strip the wire ends using the 6 to 7 mm wire stripper.
- Slide crimp connection onto vehicle-specific single wire at one side and onto repair wire at the other side.

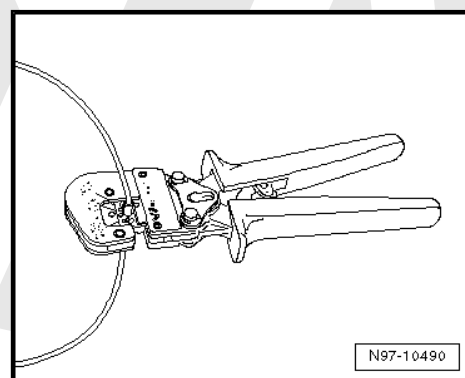


- Crimp the crimp connection at both wire ends using crimp pliers.
- Repeat this procedure at the other repair wire end.



Note

- ◆ Always be sure to use the correct crimping slot for the crimping connection used. Refer to ➔ ["2.3.1 Crimping Pliers with Insert", page 111](#).
- ◆ Do not crimp wire insulation.



After crimping, crimp connections must be heat-shrunk using hot air gun to prevent moisture penetration.

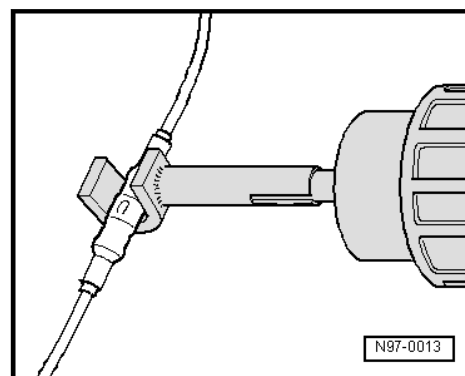
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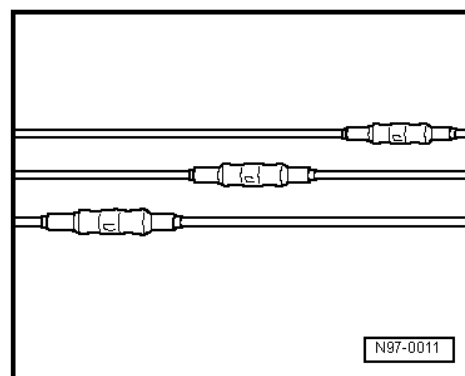
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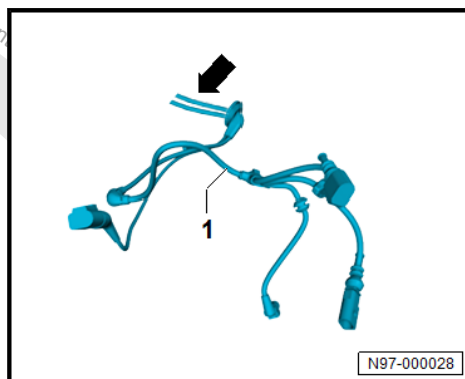
2.4.11 Repair of Ethernet Lines

Damaged Ethernet lines must be replaced, because the lines cannot be repaired.

2.4.12 Wire Section Repairs

Removing

- Cut through the damaged wire at the designated area -arrow- for the old wire 1-.
- Connect the new wire 1- at the designated area -arrow-.



2.5 Fiber-Optic Cables, Repairing

⇒ ["2.5.1 Fiber-Optic Cable, Assembling", page 139](#)

⇒ ["2.5.2 Fiber-Optic Cable, Disconnecting from Wiring Harness Connector", page 144](#)

It is difficult to determine an exact fault location. The damaged fiber-optic cable is to be replaced, by a new line routed parallel to the damaged fiber-optic cable.



Note

- ◆ *Select the damaged fiber-optic cable components with the "Guided Fault Finding" or "Guided Functions" from the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester menu options.*
- ◆ *An already repaired fiber-optic cable can be identified by being "yellow".*

Procedure:

- Choose "Guided Fault Finding" or "Guided Functions" in the Vehicle Diagnostic Tester. Refer to ⇒ Vehicle diagnostic tester.
- Assemble the fiber-optic cable. Refer to ⇒ ["2.5.1 Fiber-Optic Cable, Assembling", page 139](#) .



Caution

Do not bend the fiber-optic cable too much. Do not exceed a bending radius of 25 mm.

Fiber optic cables must not be routed over sharp edges.

Fiber-optic cable ends must not be soiled or touched with bare fingers.

Fiber optic cables may not be heated.

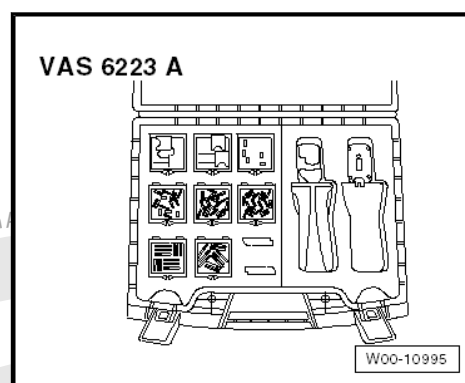
It is not permitted to twist together two fiber optic cables or one fiber optic cable with a copper wire.

Protect the connector and connection box from dust. Use the protective cap from the case.

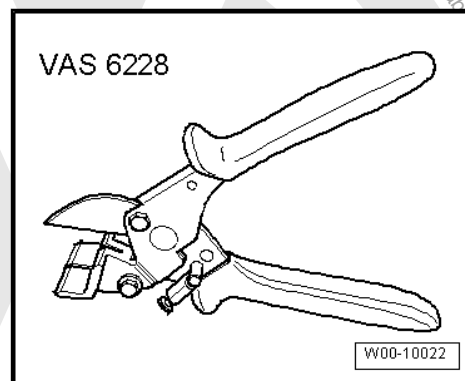
2.5.1 Fiber-Optic Cable, Assembling

Special tools and workshop equipment required

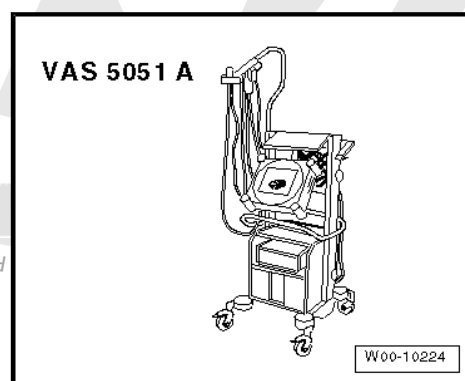
- ◆ Fiber-Optic Conductor Repair Set - VAS 6223A-



- ◆ Hose Cutting Pliers - VAS 6228-



- ◆ Vehicle Diagnostic Tester





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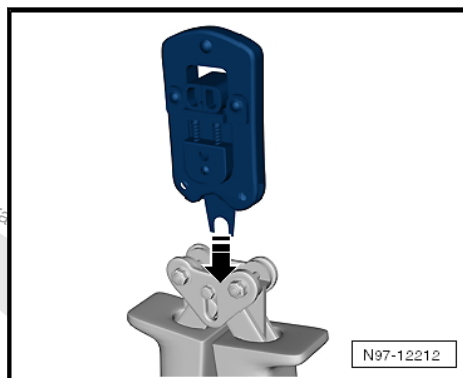
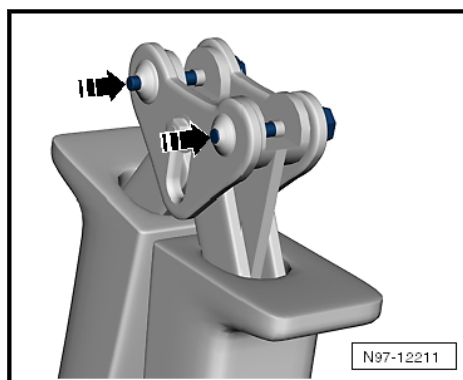
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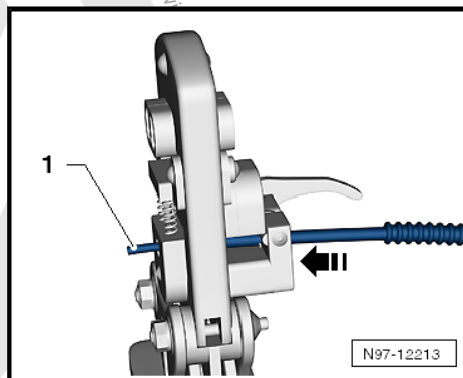
Mount the tool head for the Fiber-Optic Repair Set - Pliers - VAS 6223/1- .

- Pry out the securing pins -arrows-.
- Position the tool head -arrow- and push back the locking pin.



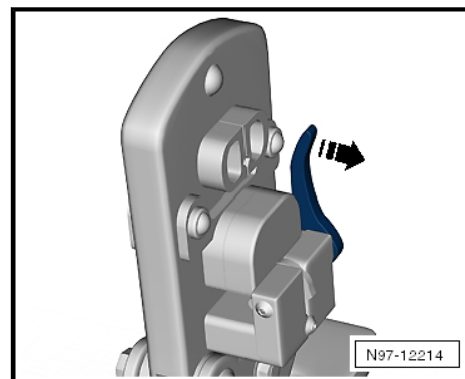
Fiber optic cable, cutting to length.

- Create the necessary length of the fiber-optic cable.
- Open the Fiber-Optic Repair Set - Pliers and lay the fiber-optic cable -1- in the mount.
- Close the Fiber-Optic Repair Set - Pliers to cut the fiber-optic cable lengths.

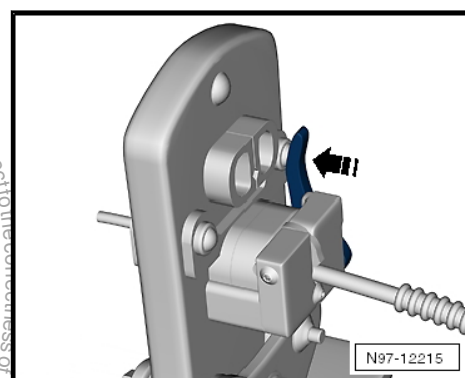


Stripping

- Open the Fiber-Optic Repair Set - Pliers - VAS 6223/1- .
- Position the wire stripper in the lower position -arrow-.
- Position the fiber-optic cable in the stripper mount.
- The end of the fiber-optic cable must be flush with the rear side of the cutting pliers.

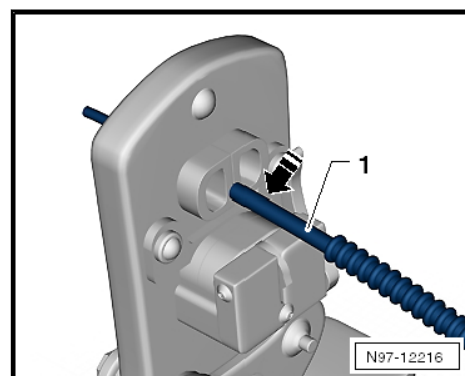


- Close the Fiber-Optic Repair Set - Pliers until the stop and keep closed.
- Bend the wire stripper upward -arrow- and remove the fiber-optic cable.

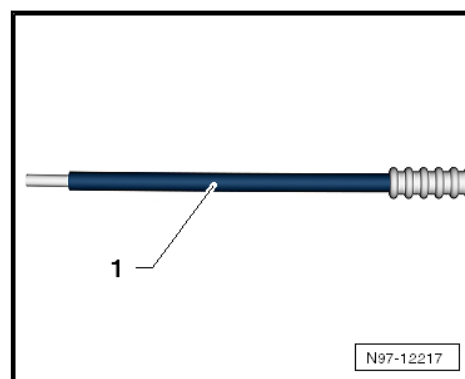


Precision cutting (production of optical end face).

- Push the fiber-optic cable -1- in the cutting edge mount.
- The insulation must make contact with the cutting point stop.



- Close the Fiber-Optic Repair Set - Pliers - VAS 6223/1- and remove the wire.
- Visually inspect the wire -1- to make sure that it was cut correctly and that there are no burrs on the front surface.



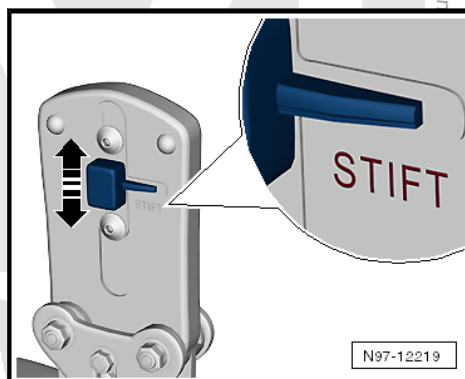
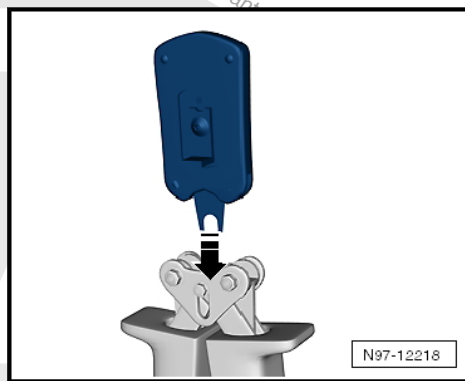
Note

- ◆ Place the fiber-optic cable only on a completely clean surface/backing plate or hold in a hand.
- ◆ Use the protective cap, if there is a risk of contamination of the fiber-optic cable front surface.

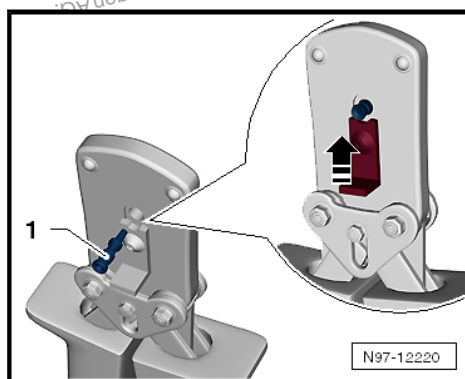


Attaching brass pin contact to fiber-optic cable.

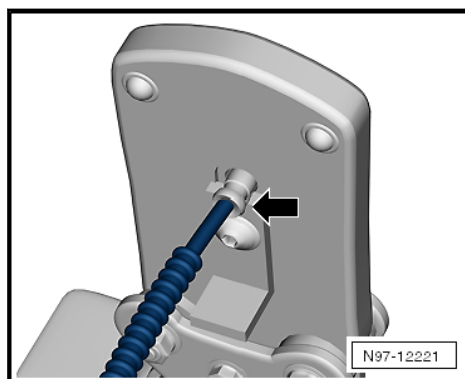
- Change the tool head -arrow-.
- Slide the safeguard on the Fiber-Optic Repair Set - Pliers -arrow- so that the word "Stift" (pin) is legible.



- Place a brass contact pin -1- in the mount.
- Close the securing lever on the Fiber-Optic Repair Set - Pliers -arrow-.



- Insert the fiber-optic cable into the brass pin contact -arrow- all the way up to the threaded stop and then close the Fiber-Optic Repair Set - Pliers .
- Open the pliers for the fiber-optic cable and remove the fiber-optic cable with brass contact pin.



Caution

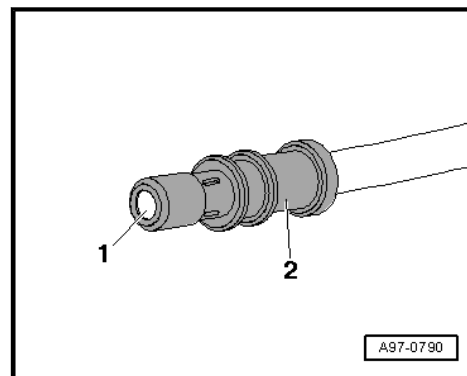
Do not excessively bend or kink the fiber-optic cables (minimum bending radius 25 mm).

- Make sure the brass pin contact -2- is secured properly on the fiber-optic cable -1-.
- On the brass pin the four crimping position must be visible.
- The brass pin contact must not be able to be removed by hand from the fiber-optic cable.
- The front surface of the fiber-optic cable is 0.01 to 0.1 mm behind the brass pin contact (visual check).



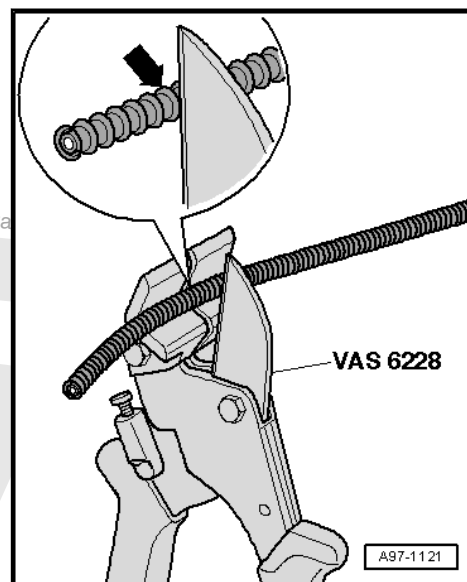
Note

- ◆ Connector couplings are available for connecting the fiber-optic cables. Refer to ➔ *Electronic Parts Catalog (ETKA)*.
- ◆ Installing the new fiber optic cable in wiring harness connector. Refer to ➔ *"2.5.2 Fiber-Optic Cable, Disconnecting from Wiring Harness Connector", page 144*.

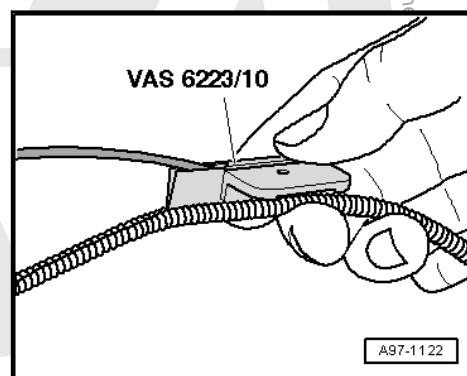


Corrugated tube, install on fiber optic cable.

- Cut back the corrugated tube to the corresponding length.
- Use the Hose Cutting Pliers - VAS 6228- or a sharp knife for cutting.
- The corrugated tube must not be cut through using a side cutter under any circumstances
- The corrugated tube must be cut on the wave peak -arrow-, not in the wave trough.
- The corrugated tube must engage audibly in the fiber-optic cable housing.



- Guide the fiber-optic cable into the Fiber-Optic Repair Set - Tube Tool - VAS 6223/10- as shown.
- Position the pliers for the corrugated tube assembly on the slot on the corrugated tube.
- Position the pliers for the corrugated tube assembly in the slit all around the corrugated tube. The fiber optic cable is then routed in the corrugated tube.





2.5.2 Fiber-Optic Cable, Disconnecting from Wiring Harness Connector

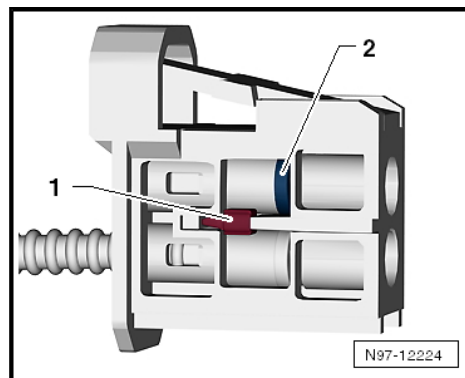
Removing

- Remove the connector for the fiber-optic cable from the corresponding control module.
- Release the locking mechanism in the fiber-optic cable connector -1- by pushing on it.
- Release the secondary lock -2- using a small screwdriver.
- Remove the fiber-optic cable.



Caution

- ◆ *Use a protective cap from the case to protect the fiber-optic cable from dust and dirt.*
- ◆ *Use a new housing, because the removal of the fiber-optic cable can lead to damaging the secondary lock.*
- ◆ *Note the arrows for allocation on the base module "IN" and "OUT".*



Installing

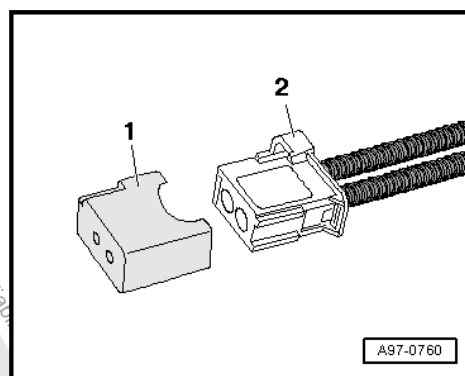
Install in reverse order of removal and note the following:

- Install the fiber-optic cable according the identification.



Note

- ◆ *Push the corrugated tube into the connector housing until it audibly engages.*
- ◆ *Cover the open connector -2- for the fiber-optic cable using the Fiber-Optic Repair Set - Connector Protective Caps - VAS 6223/9- -item 1-.*
- ◆ *The protective cap prevents contamination of or mechanical damage to the front surface of the fiber-optic cable which would impair light transmission.*



2.6 Antenna Wires, Repairing

⇒ ["2.6.1 Aerial Cable Repair Set VAS 6720", page 144](#)

2.6.1 Aerial Cable Repair Set VAS 6720

Checking the antenna wire: refer to ⇒ [page 145](#)

Replacing the tool head: refer to ⇒ [page 145](#)

Cutting the antenna wire: refer to ⇒ [page 146](#)

Removing the insulation from the shield: refer to ⇒ [page 146](#)

Removing the outer jacket of insulation: refer to ⇒ [page 149](#)

Removing the inner insulation: refer to ⇒ [page 150](#)

Crimping the inner conductor: refer to ⇒ [page 151](#)

Crimping the outer conductor: refer to ⇒ [page 153](#)

Special tools and workshop equipment required

◆ Aerial Cable Repair Set - VAS 6720-

The Aerial Cable Repair Set - VAS 6720- makes it possible to perform a quality repair on antenna wires RG 174 (blue) and RTK 031 (black). The set contains the insulation removal tools and the crimping tools for both antenna wires. Moreover, all the individual parts needed are in the kit. Only the zero-coded coupler (green) is needed. All other connection wires for the different Infotainment systems can be found in the Electronic Parts Catalog (ETKA) (Electrical Fasteners) in table 035-XX. These adapter antenna wires must always be ordered separately depending on the vehicle type. All part numbers needed for reordering can be found in this table. The each compartment in the kit has a part number. The repair kit is based on the VAS 1978B.



Note

For additional information refer to ➔ *Aerial Cable Repair Set - VAS 6720- Operating Instructions* .

Checking the antenna wire:

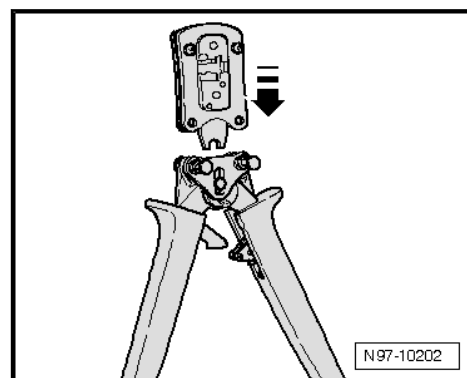
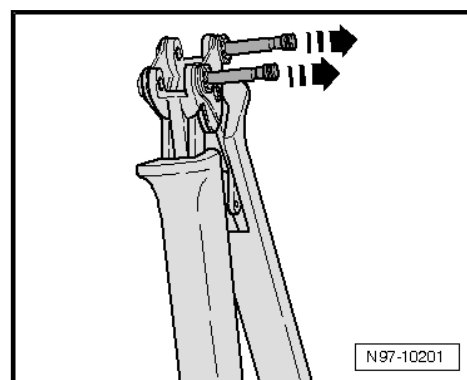
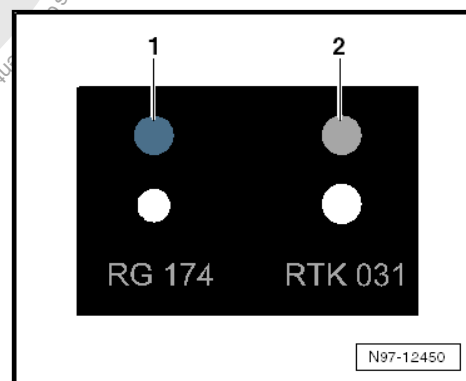
Before starting the repair, determine which antenna wire using the gauge.

- ◆ -1- System RG 174 = blue
- ◆ -2- System RTK 031 = gray

The positioners on the heads of the tools are color coded on both systems.

Replacing the tool head:

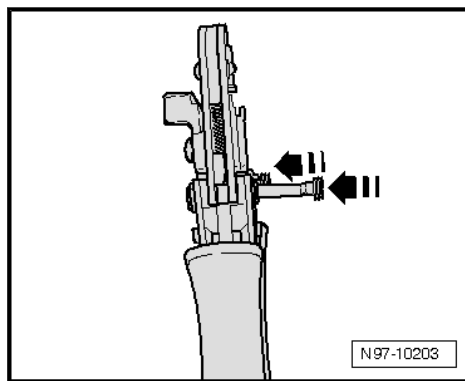
- Select the appropriate tool head based on the antenna wire test. Refer to ➔ [page 145](#) .
- Open the handle on the pliers all the way.
- Release and remove both locking pins -arrows- from the handle.
- Attach the necessary tool head to the handle from the top -arrow-.





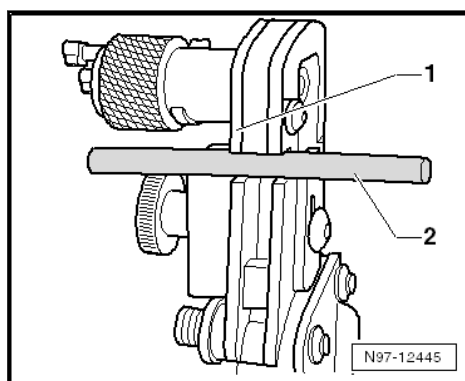
- Insert the pins -arrows- into the handle in order to lock the tool head into place.

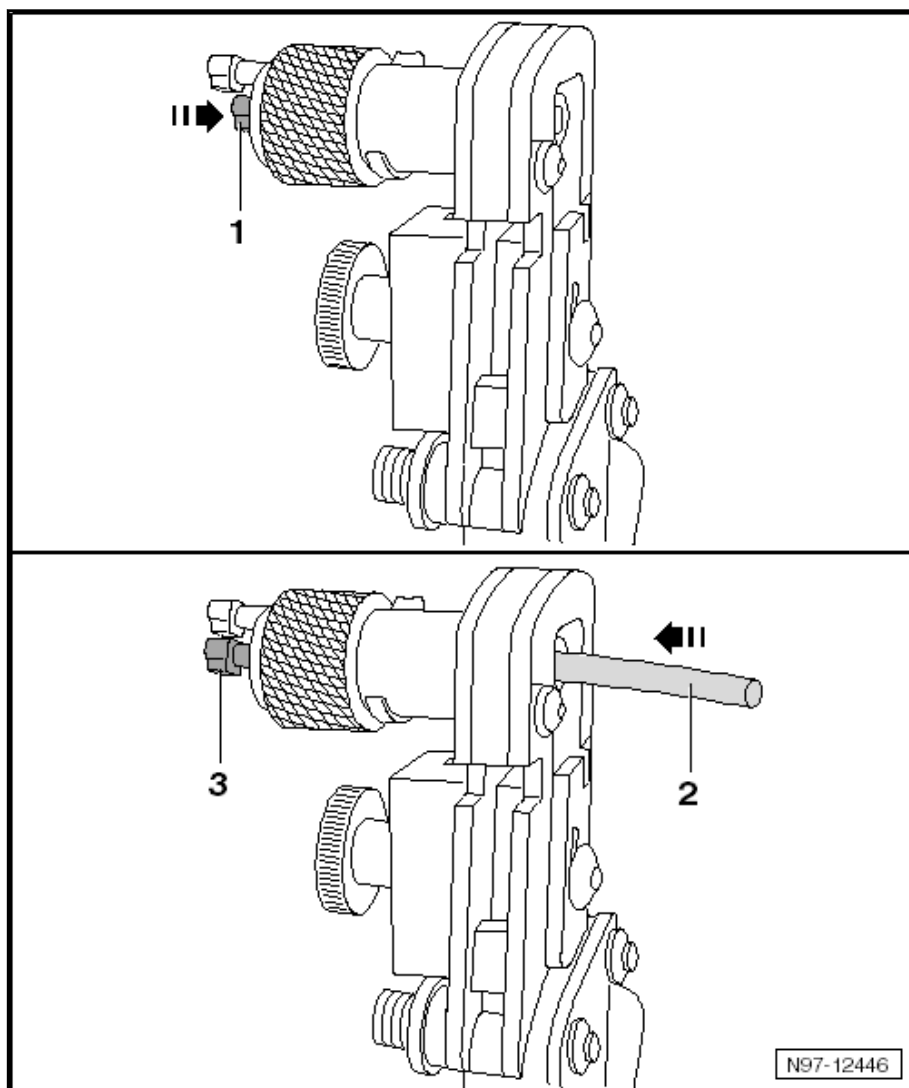
Cutting the antenna wire:



- Slide the antenna wire -2- into the cutting device -1-.
- Close the tool then open it again.
- Pull the antenna wire out of the cutting device.

Removing the insulation from the shield:

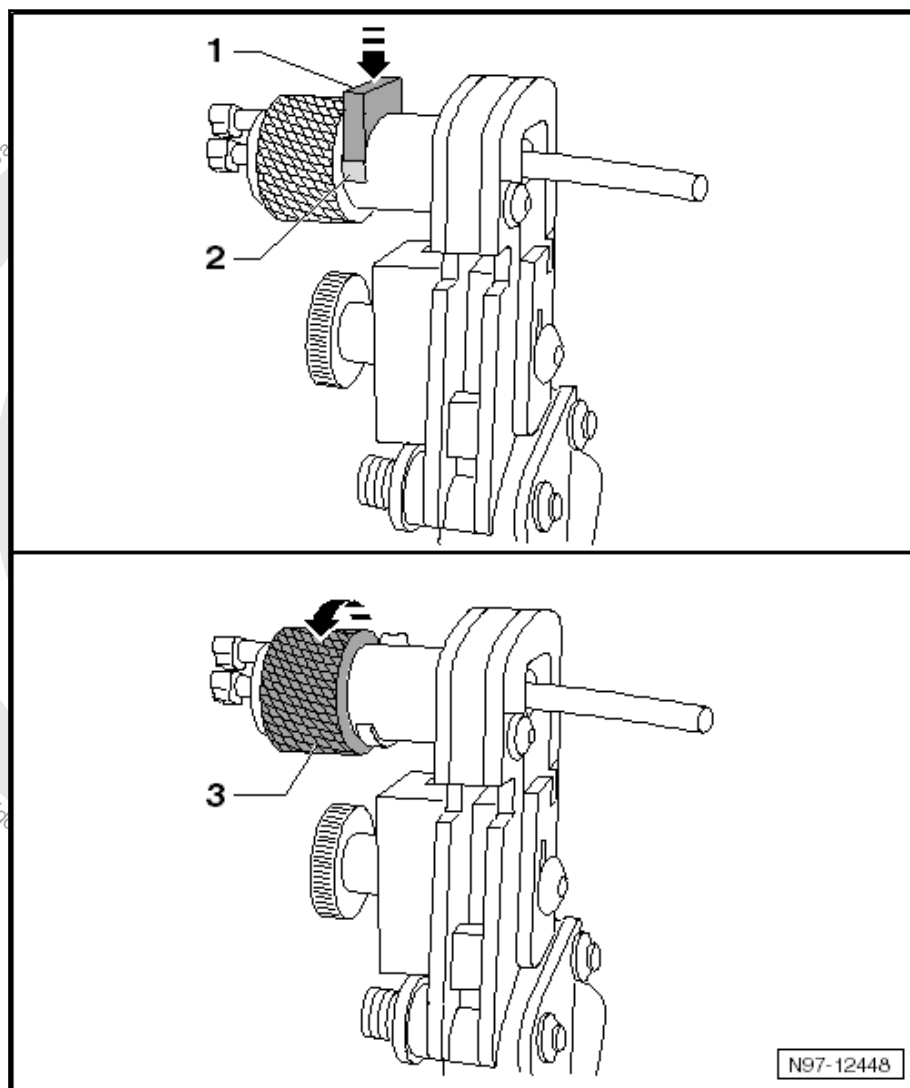




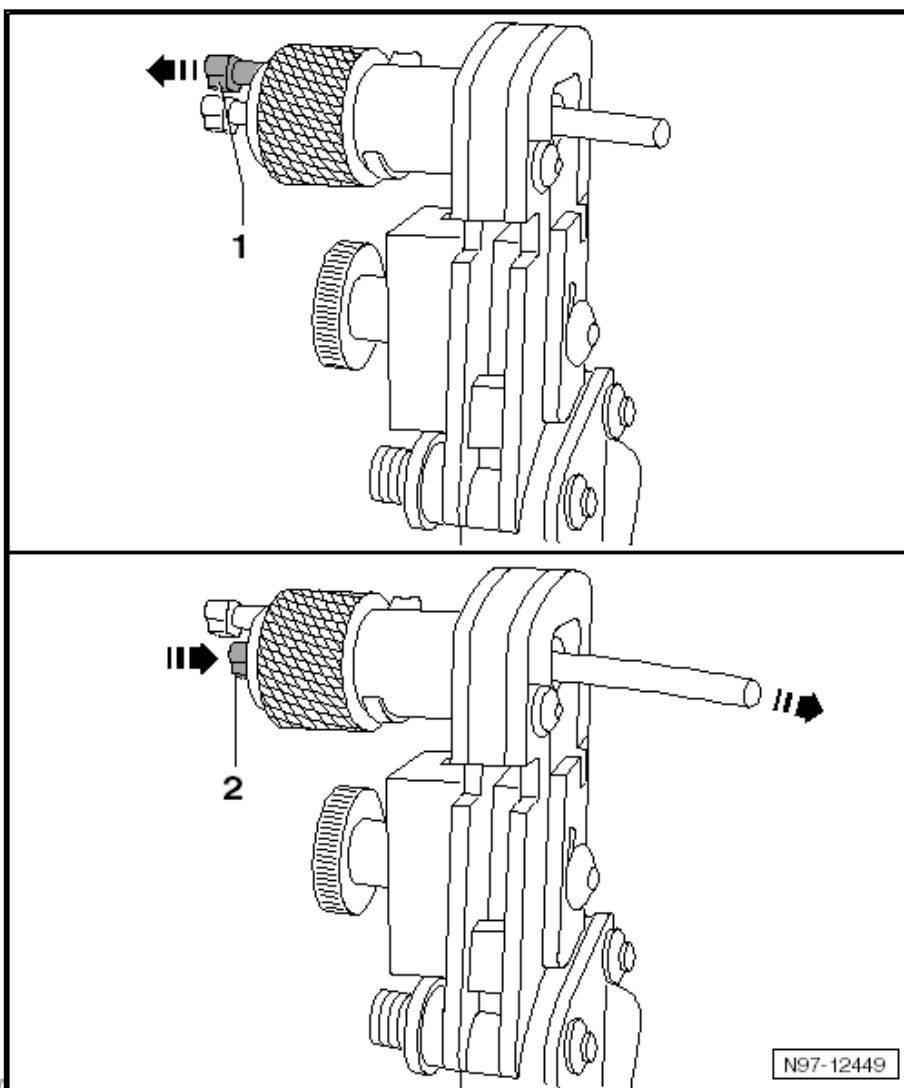
- Push the locking pin -1- all the way into the rotating cutting piece.
- Push the antenna wire -2- all the way into the rotating cutting piece. The locking pin -3- cannot be seen completely.



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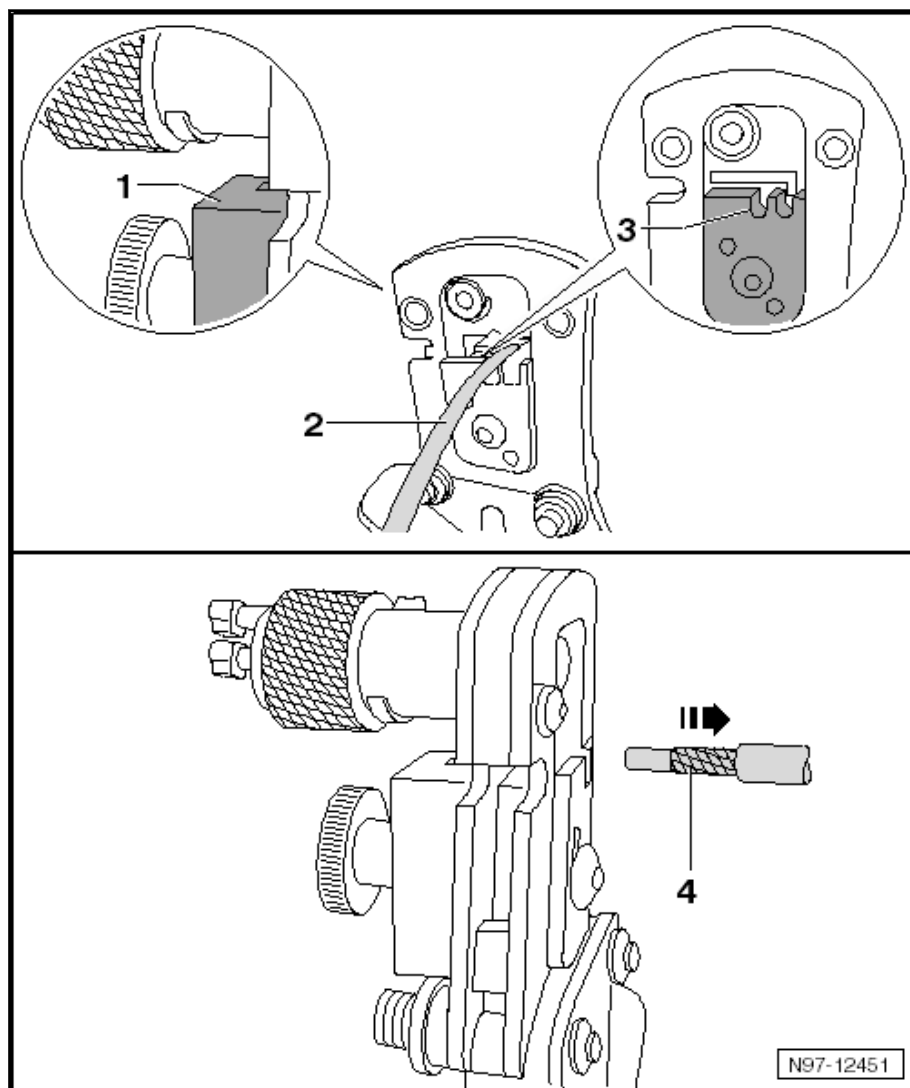


- Push the blade holder -1- against the axle of the rotating cutting segment until it locks into place. The gap -2- under the blade holder is completely closed.
- Hold the antenna wire so that it cannot turn.
- Turn the rotating cutting segment -3- 2 times in direction of arrow until it starts to turn easily.



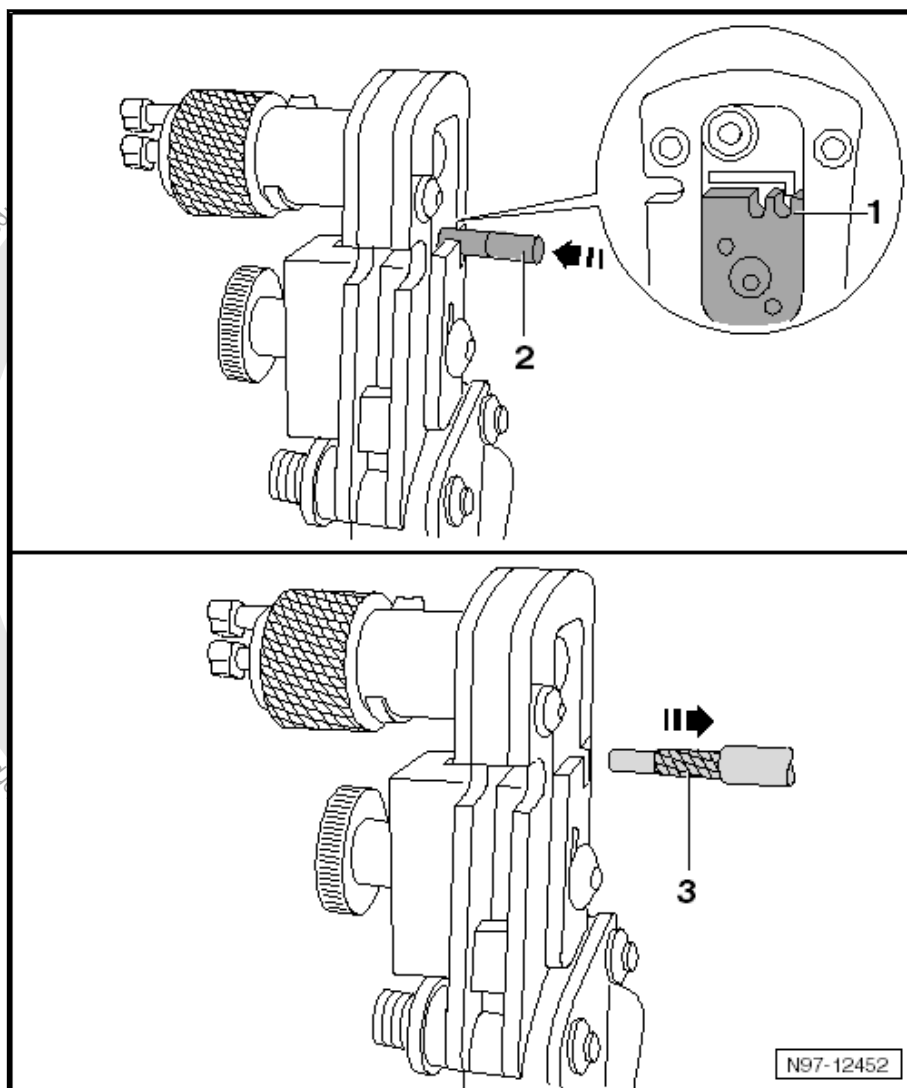
- Pull out the release pin -1-. The blade holder unlocks and separates from the antenna wire.
- Push the locking pin -2- all the way into the rotating cutting piece. The antenna wire is pushed out of the rotating cutting segment.
- Remove insulation from the antenna wire.
- Remove any insulation remaining on the rotating cutting segment.

Removing the outer jacket of insulation:



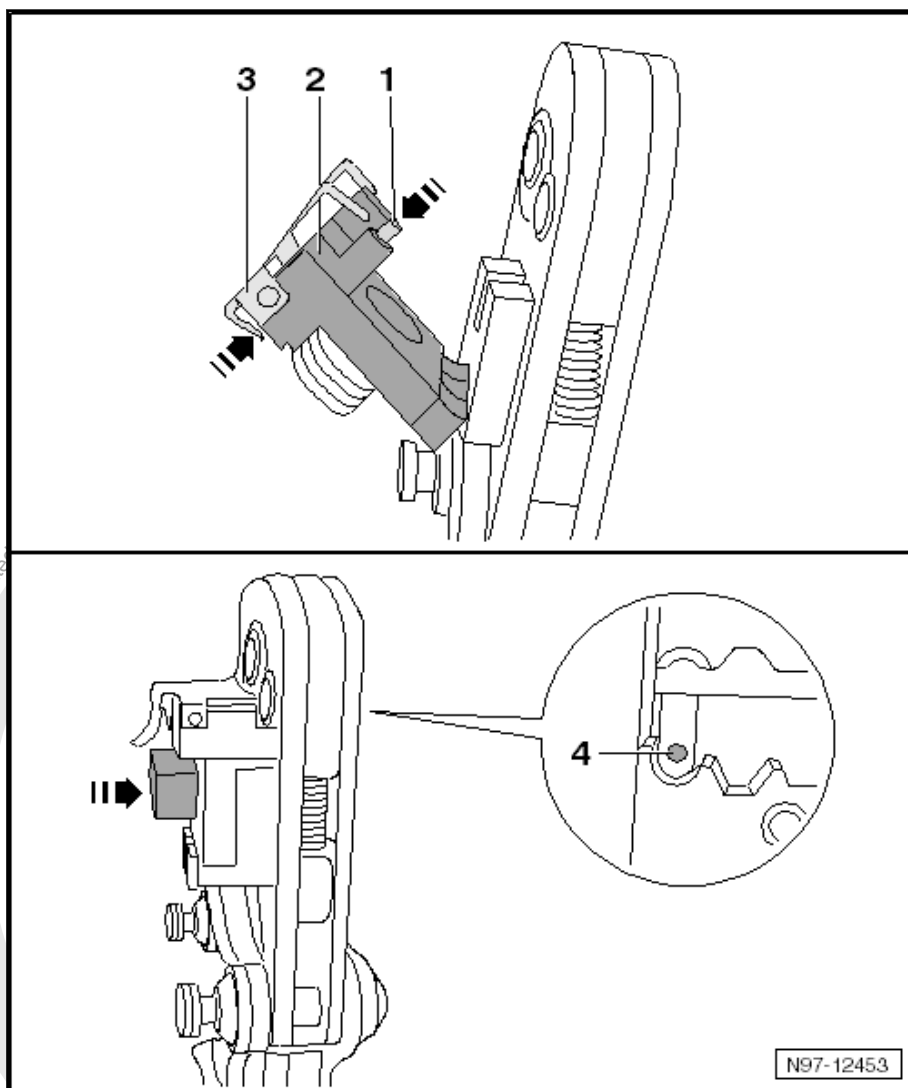
- Slide the antenna wire -2- in the mount -3- into the tool head until it stops -1-.
- Close the tool then open it again.
- Remove the antenna wire -4-.

Removing the inner insulation:

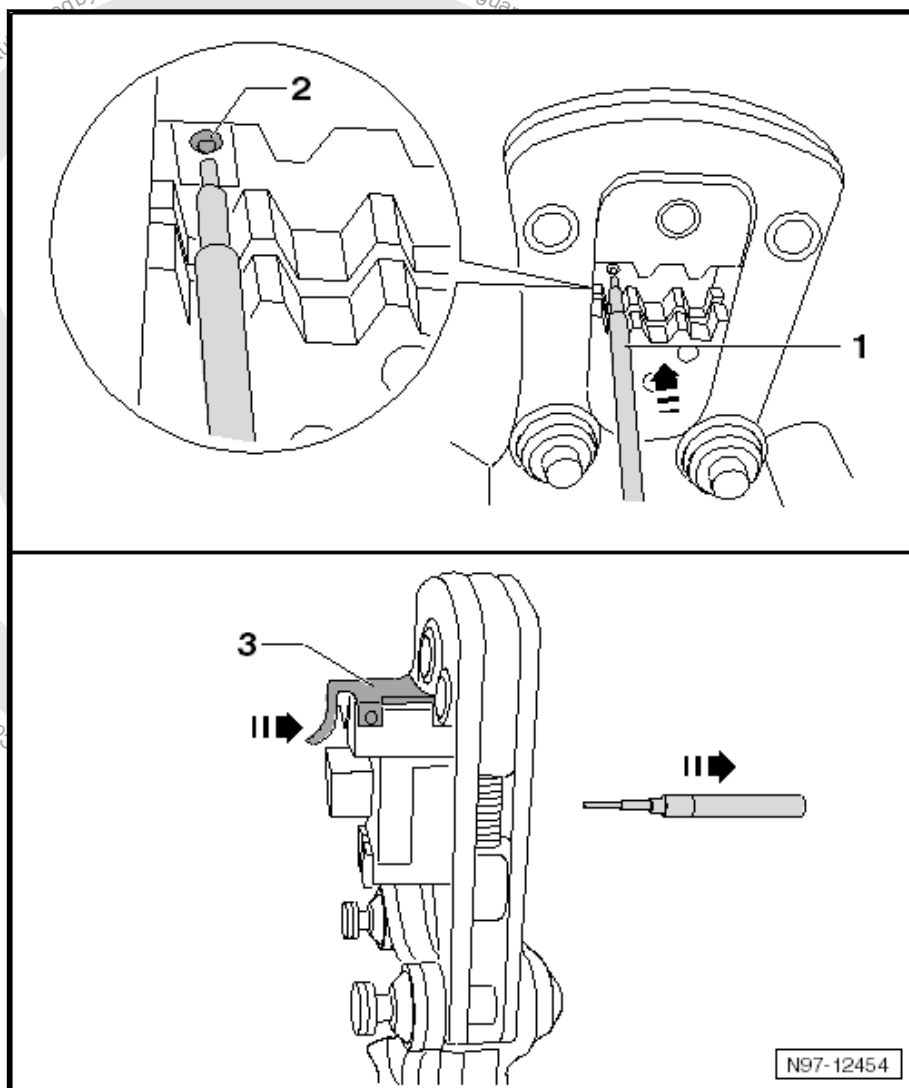


- Push the antenna wire -2- in the mount -1- all the way into the tool head.
- Close the tool then open it again.
- Remove the antenna wire -3-.

Crimping the inner conductor:

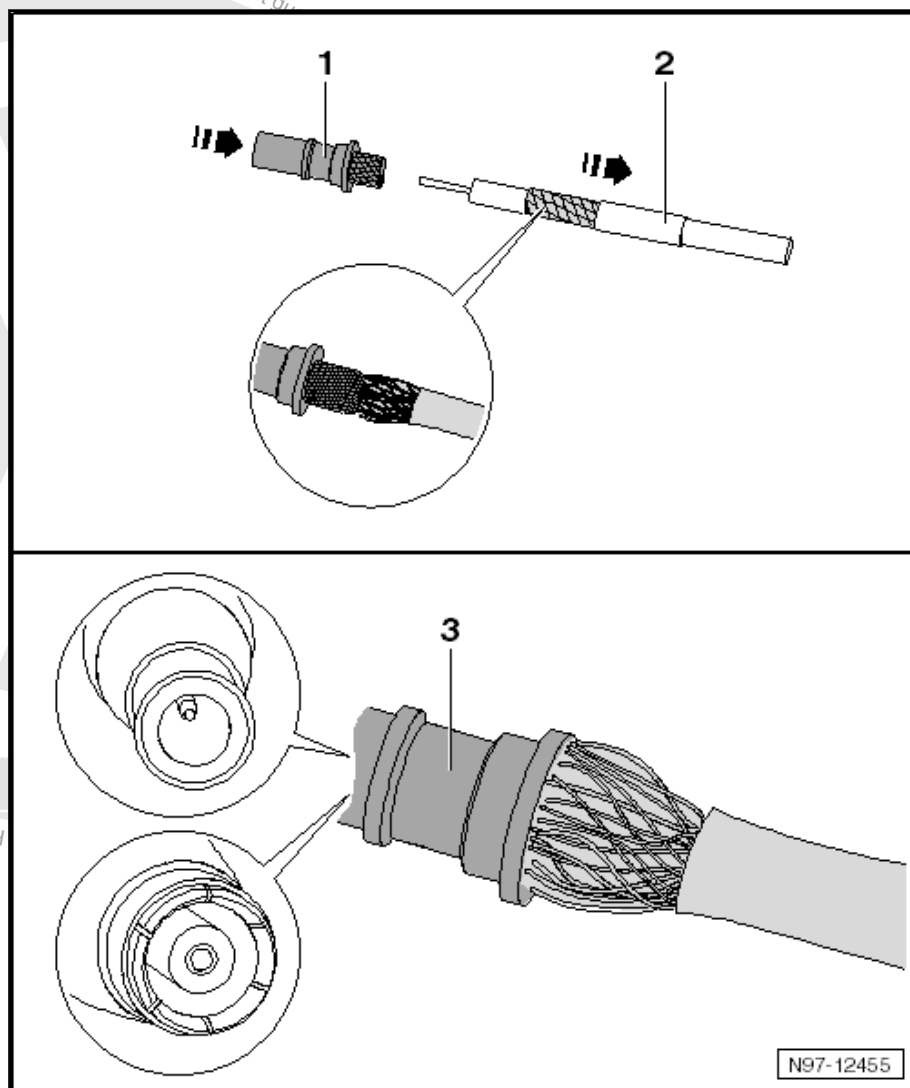


- Select the appropriate tool head based on the antenna wire test. Refer to ➤ [page 145](#) and ➤ [page 145](#) .
- Unfold the positioner -2-.
- Open the positioning plate -3-. The positioning plate swivels upward.
- Push the inner contact -1- all the way into the positioner and loosen the positioning plate. The inner contact is attached.
- Fold the positioner back in. The inner contract -4- is positioned inside the tool head.

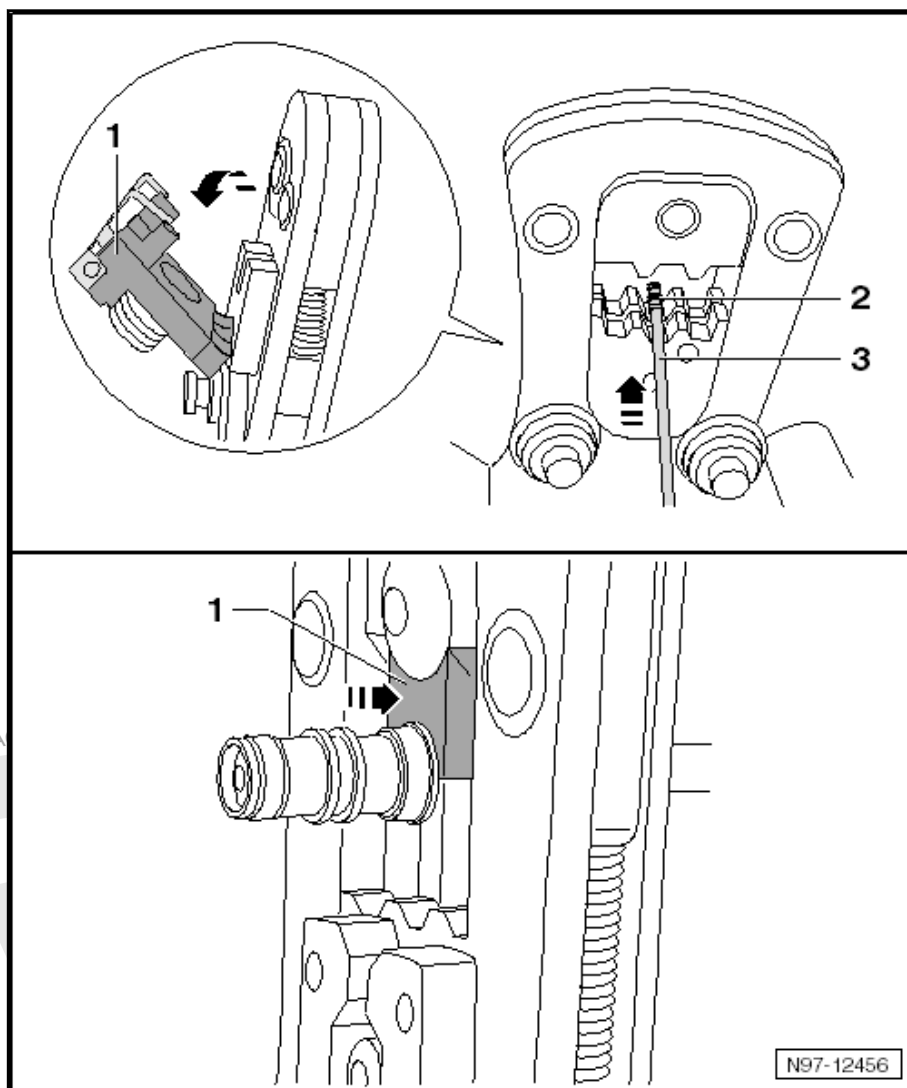


- Slide the antenna wire -1- into the inner contact -2- in the tool head. Hold the positioner tight while doing this.
- Lock the tool until it opens by itself.
- Open the positioning plate -3- and pull out the antenna wire.

Crimping the outer conductor:



- Slide the sleeve -2- and outer contact -1- over the inner conductor. The knurled outer contact piece -1- must be pushed under the shield but over the aluminum foil.
- Slide on the outer contact piece -3- all the way. Make the bushing/pin fit correctly when doing this.



- Push the sleeve up to the outer contact.
- Open the tool and fold out the positioner -1-.
- Position the assembled outer contact -2- in the tool head in the center profile.
- Close the tool then open it again.
- Remove the antenna wire -3-.



2.7 Contact Housings and Connectors, Repairing

⇒ [“2.7.1 Contact Housings and Connectors Repair Information”, page 156](#)

⇒ [“2.7.2 Contacts in Contact Housing, Repairing”, page 156](#)

⇒ [“2.7.3 Single Wire Seals, Installing”, page 158](#)

⇒ [“2.7.4 Contact Housings, Repairing Wire Terminals”, page 159](#)

2.7.1 Contact Housings and Connectors, Repair Information

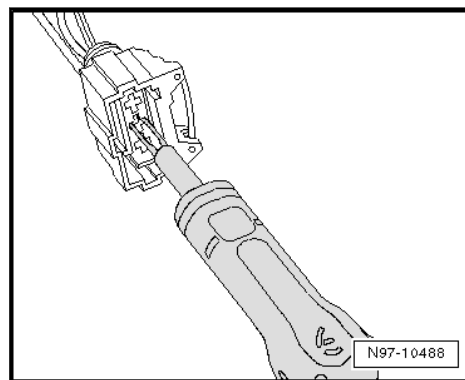


Note

- ◆ *Observe general notes for repairs on the vehicle electrical system. Refer to ⇒ [“2.1 Vehicle Electrical System, General Repair Information”, page 106](#).*
- ◆ *Allocation of crimp contacts with correct fit to contact housing is performed according to the part number stamped in on the contact housing. Refer to the ⇒ [Electronic Parts Catalog \(ETKA\)](#) for part numbers of contact housings in conjunction with the respective crimp contacts with correct fit in plate 198 (electrical fasteners).*
- ◆ *Damaged contact housings must always be replaced.*
- ◆ *New contact housings may be ordered via OTC Kassel.*

2.7.2 Contacts in Contact Housing, Repairing

- First, open or release if necessary the secondary lock of the contact housing. Refer to ⇒ [“2.8 Contact Housings, Releasing and Disassembling”, page 160](#).
- Release contact (primary lock) using the appropriate release tool. Refer to ⇒ [“2.8 Contact Housings, Releasing and Disassembling”, page 160](#).
- Pull contact at single wire out of contact housing.
- Take the yellow repair wire with the correct contact out of the Wiring Harness Repair Set.
- Free up repair point of vehicle-specific wiring harness (approximately 20 cm to both sides of repair point).
- If required, remove wiring harness wrapping using a folding knife.





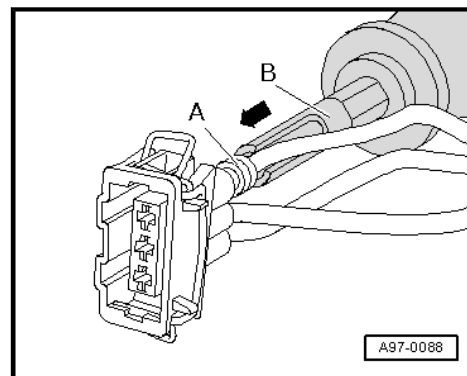
- Insert new contact of repair wire into contact housing until it engages.
- Slide a single wire seal onto the repair wire.



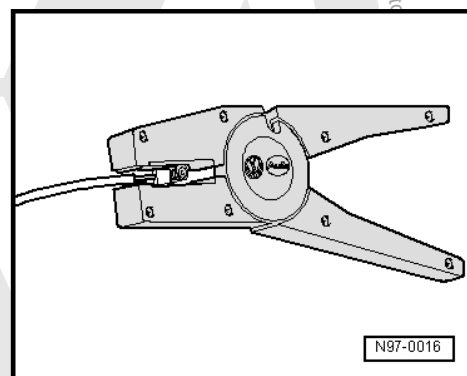
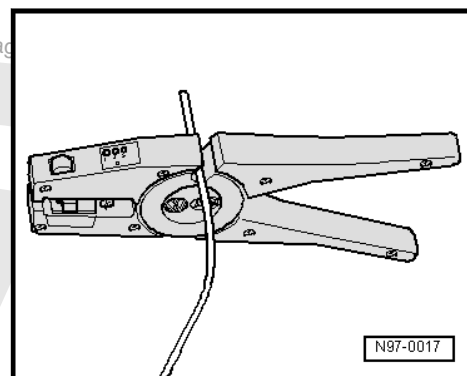
Note

When doing this, small diameter of single seal must point toward contact housing.

- Slide single wire seal into contact housing using the correct assembly tool. Refer to ➔ [“2.7.3 Single Wire Seals, Installing”, page 158](#) .
- Shorten the repair wire and the vehicle-specific wiring harness single wire as needed using the Wiring Harness Repair Set - Wire Strippers - VAS 1978/3- .

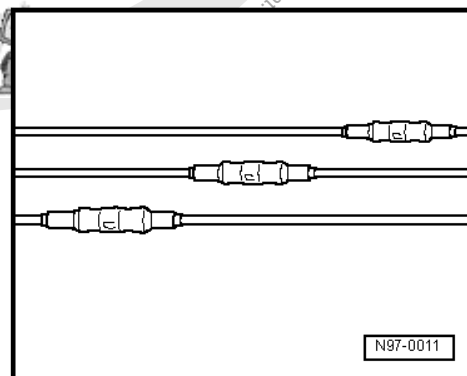


- Strip ends of repair wire and of vehicle-specific single wire using 6 - 7 mm wire stripper.
- Crimp the stripped ends of repair wire and single wire of vehicle-specific wiring harness using crimp pliers and a crimp connection as described in chapter “Wire break with single repair point”. Refer to ➔ [“2.4.9 Wire Break with Single Repair Point”, page 135](#) .



Note

- ◆ *Make sure that crimp connections do not lie directly next to each other when several wires need to be repaired. Arrange the crimp connectors at a slight offset so that the circumference of the wiring harness does not become too large.*
- ◆ *In the event the repair point was previously taped, this point must be taped anew with yellow insulating tape after repairs.*
- ◆ *Secure the repaired wiring harness if necessary with a cable tie to prevent flapping noises while driving.*





2.7.3 Single Wire Seals, Installing

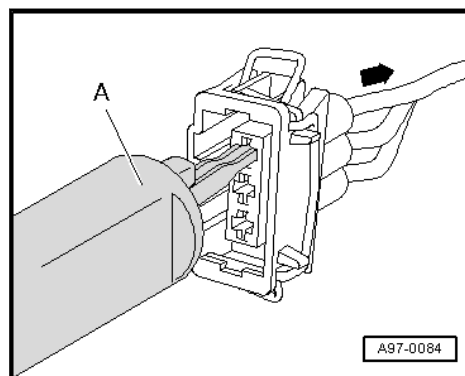


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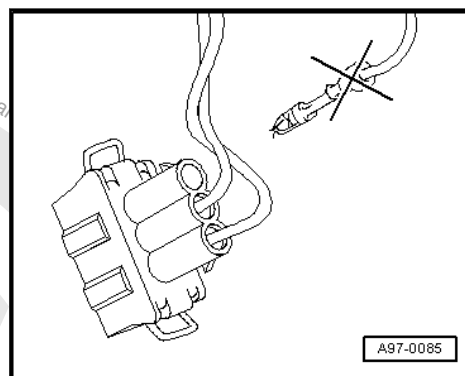
- ◆ *Single wire seals prevent the penetration of water and dirt into the contact housing. They are installed, for example, in the engine compartment and must be reinstalled after a repair.*
- ◆ *Single wire seal is crimped on at the factory together with contact on the wire, this is not the case for repair wires. Single wire seal must be slid onto wire first before crimping the repair wire.*
- ◆ *Single wire seals must always fit with the repair wire cross-section. Outer circumference of single wire seal is aligned according to chamber circumference of the contact housing. Perform assembly using only the assembly tool with correct fit.*

Assembling single wire seal:

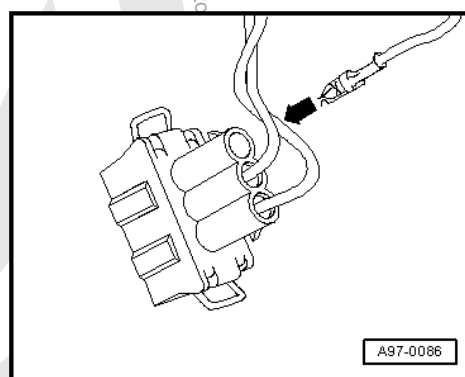
- Release contact lock using assembly tool with correct fit -A- and then pull wire with single wire seal toward rear -arrow- out of contact housing.



- Cut off the old contact with single wire seal from the vehicle-specific wiring harness.



- Slide repair wire with new contact into corresponding chamber of contact housing until it engages.





- Put single wire seal -A- onto free end of repair wire.



Note

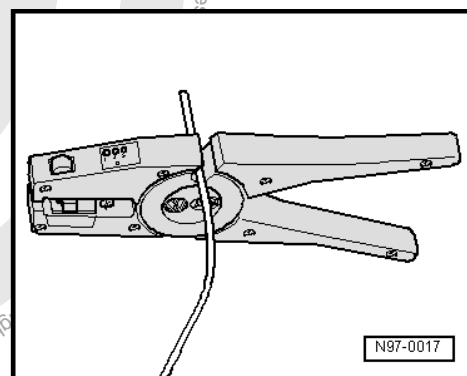
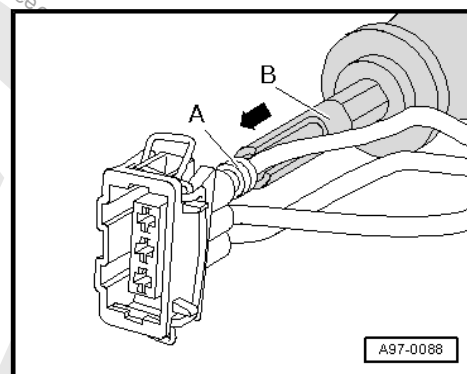
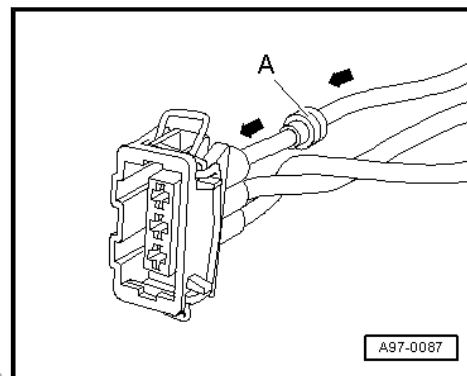
When doing this, small diameter of single wire seal must point toward contact housing.

- Slide single wire seal -A- onto repair wire up to the contact housing.

- Slide single wire seal -A- into contact housing until it stops using the corresponding assembly tool -B-.

- Shorten the repair wire and the vehicle-specific wiring harness single wire as needed using the Wiring Harness Repair Set - Wire Strippers - VAS 1978/3- .

- Crimp the stripped ends of repair wire and single wire of vehicle-specific wiring harness using crimp pliers and a crimp connection as described in chapter "Wire break with single repair point". Refer to ➔ ["2.4.9 Wire Break with Single Repair Point", page 135](#).

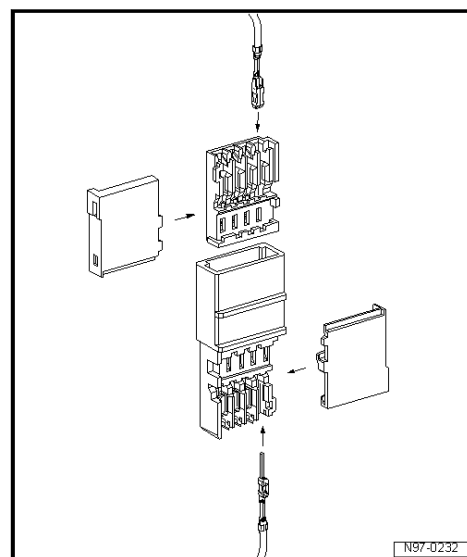


2.7.4 Contact Housings, Repairing Wire Terminals



Note

- ◆ *For technical reasons, the contact housing for the wire terminals can be supplied only with the contacts pushed in.*
- ◆ *These contacts can be removed at every other contact housing in the event they are not required.*
- ◆ *Repair wires which have already been equipped with corresponding contacts in crimped on form are available. Refer to the ➔ Electronic Parts Catalog (ETKA) .*





2.8 Contact Housings, Releasing and Disassembling

⇒ [“2.8.1 Releasing and Disassembly Contact Housings, General Information”, page 160](#)

⇒ [“2.8.2 Secondary Lock”, page 160](#)

⇒ [“2.8.3 Primary Connector”, page 161](#)

⇒ [“2.8.4 Round Connector Systems”, page 162](#)

⇒ [“2.8.5 Flat Connector Systems”, page 162](#)

⇒ [“2.8.6 Special Connector Systems”, page 164](#)

2.8.1 Releasing and Disassembly Contact Housings, General Information



Note

- ◆ *Observe general notes for repairs on the vehicle electrical system. Refer to ⇒ [“2.1 Vehicle Electrical System, General Repair Information”, page 106](#).*
- ◆ *Always use the release tools intended for the releasing process. Under no circumstances may terminals be pulled forcefully out of terminal housings.*
- ◆ *Damaged contact housings must always be replaced. New contact housings may be ordered via OTC Kassel.*
- ◆ *Small screwdrivers may be used as an aid to release the secondary locks.*
- ◆ *Chamber/pin assignment is located partially stamped in on secondary lock or rear side of terminal housing.*
- ◆ *Detailed information on component locations of harness connectors. Refer to ⇒ [Wiring diagrams, Troubleshooting & Component locations](#).*

The allocation of the correct release tools to the respective locking mechanisms can be found in the table in the ⇒ [Release Tool Set - VAS 1978/35- Operating Instructions](#).

2.8.2 Secondary Lock

The secondary lock is a housing securing mechanism (second locking mechanism) that secures all wires in one contact housing. If a secondary lock is installed at a contact housing, it must always be opened or removed using specified tool before releasing and pulling out individual crimp contacts.

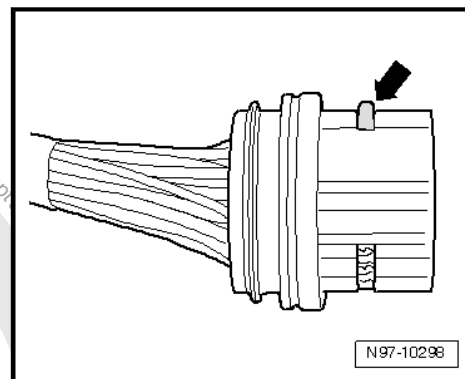
Secondary lock is distinguished by a different color from the rest of the contact housing. It simplifies recognizing the secondary lock and clarifies its function.

The shapes of the terminal housings depicted here are only a selection which, as an example, should make clear the various functions of the secondary lock.



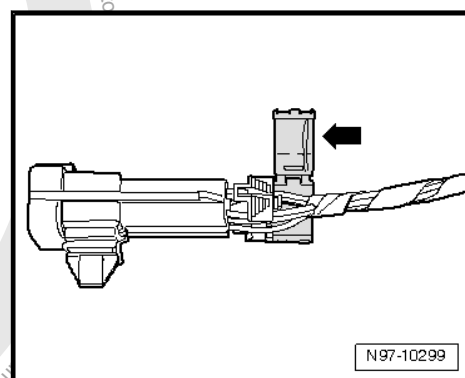
Example 1:

Housing securing mechanism is released by removing a “comb” -arrow-.



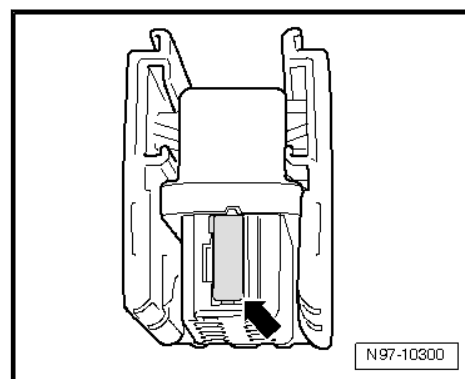
Example 2:

Housing securing mechanism is released by opening a “flap” -arrow-.



Example 3:

Housing securing mechanism can be released by disengaging a “slider” -arrow-.



2.8.3 Primary Connector

The primary lock is the locking mechanism of an individual crimp contact in the contact housing.

If necessary, housing securing mechanisms (secondary locks) must be released or removed using specified tool before releasing the contacts. Refer to ⇒ [“2.8.2 Secondary Lock”, page 160](#) .

The shapes of the primary locks depicted in the following are only a selection which, as an example, should make clear the various functions of the primary lock.

- ◆ Round connector systems. Refer to ⇒ [“2.8.4 Round Connector Systems”, page 162](#) .
- ◆ Flat connector systems. Refer to ⇒ [“2.8.5 Flat Connector Systems”, page 162](#) .
- ◆ Special connector systems. Refer to ⇒ [“2.8.6 Special Connector Systems”, page 164](#) .

Refer to ⇒ Release Tool Set - VAS 1978/35- Operating Instructions for the allocation of the correct release tool for the respective locks.



2.8.4 Round Connector Systems



Note

If necessary, housing securing mechanisms (secondary locks) must be released or removed using specified tool before releasing the contacts. Refer to ➔ ["2.8.2 Secondary Lock", page 160](#).

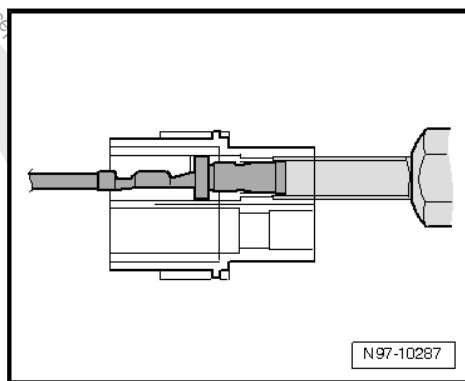
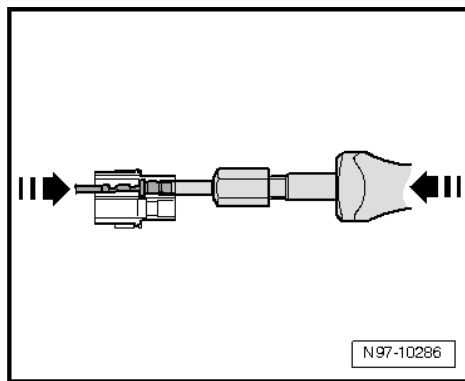
- Guide the release tool which fits the contact housing into release channel on contact housing.
- Grasp contact at wire and push it gently into contact housing -arrow-.



Note

By pushing the contact in the direction of the contact housing, the contact retaining tabs are lifted off the housing shoulder and can be released using the release tool.

- At the same time, push release tool in direction of contact housing -arrow- and pull the released contact out of contact housing.
- After removing the contact, release tool can be pulled out of the contact housing again.



2.8.5 Flat Connector Systems



Note

If necessary, housing securing mechanisms (secondary locks) must be released or removed using specified tool before releasing the contacts. Refer to ➔ ["2.8.2 Secondary Lock", page 160](#).

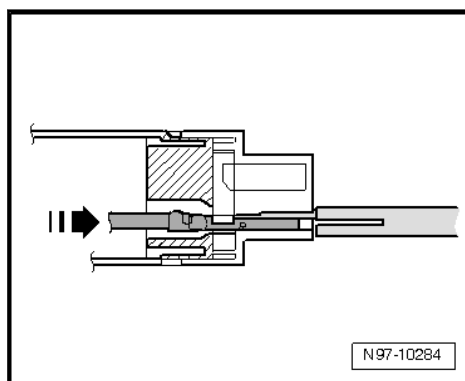
Flat connector system with one retaining tab:

- Guide the release tool which fits the contact housing into release channel on contact housing.
- Grasp contact at wire and push it gently into contact housing -arrow-.

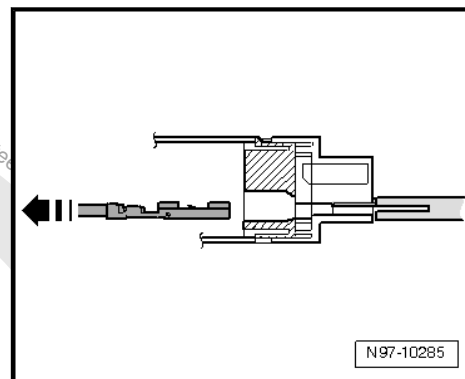


Note

By pushing the contact in the direction of the contact housing, the contact retaining tab is lifted off the housing shoulder and can be released using the release tool.



- At the same time, push release tool in direction of contact housing and pull the released contact out of contact housing -arrow-.
- After removing the contact, release tool can be pulled out of the contact housing again.



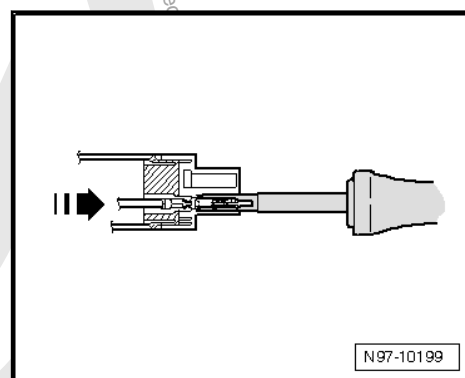
Flat connector system with two retaining tabs:

- Guide the release tool which fits the contact housing into release channel on contact housing.
- Grasp contact at wire and push it gently into contact housing until it stops -arrow-.

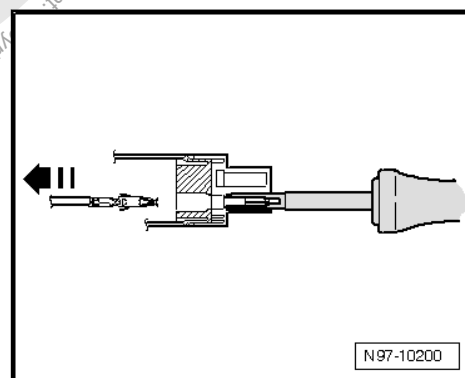


Note

By pushing the contact in the direction of the contact housing, the contact retaining tabs are lifted off the housing shoulder and can be released using the release tool.



- At the same time, push release tool in direction of contact housing and pull the released contact out of contact housing -arrow-.
- After removing the contact, release tool can be pulled out of the contact housing again.



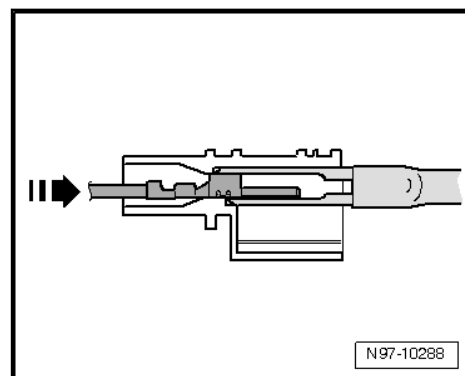
Asymmetrical:

- Guide the release tool which fits the contact housing into release channel on contact housing.
- Grasp contact at wire and push it gently into contact housing -arrow-.



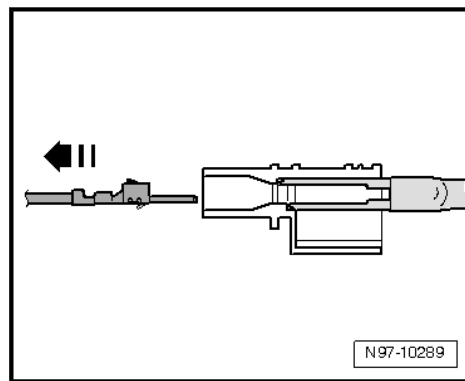
Note

By pushing the contact in the direction of the contact housing, the contact retaining tabs are lifted off the housing shoulder and can be released using the release tool.





- At the same time, push release tool in direction of contact housing and pull the released contact out of contact housing -arrow-.
- After removing the contact, release tool can be pulled out of the contact housing again.



2.8.6 Special Connector Systems



Note

If necessary, housing securing mechanisms (secondary locks) must be released or removed using specified tool before releasing the contacts. Refer to ➔ ["2.8.2 Secondary Lock"](#), page 160.

Faston contacts:

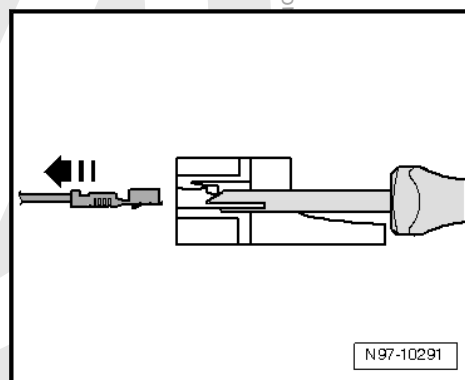
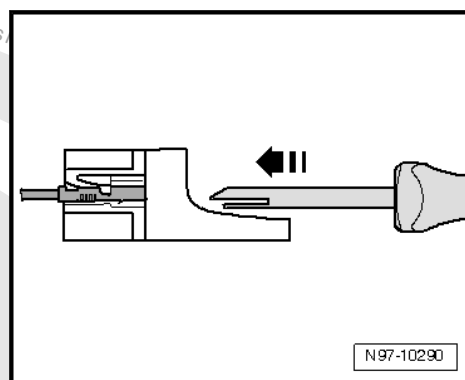
- Guide the release tool which fits the contact housing into release channel on contact housing.
- Grasp contact at wire and push it gently into contact housing.



Note

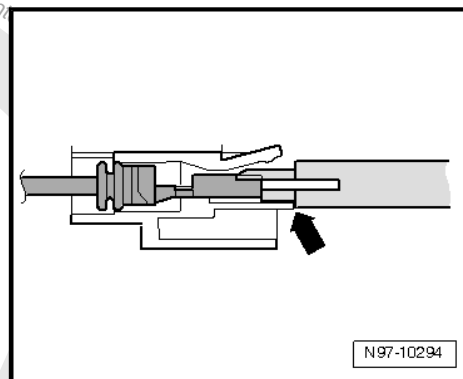
By pushing the contact in the direction of the contact housing, the contact retaining tabs are lifted off the housing shoulder and can be released using the release tool.

- At the same time, push release tool in direction of contact housing and pull the released contact out of contact housing -arrow-.
- After removing the contact, release tool can be pulled out of the contact housing again.



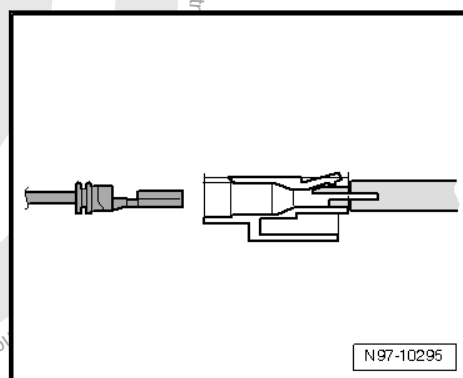
GT 150/280 contacts:

- Guide the release tool which fits the contact housing under retaining tab into contact housing.
- Push tool into contact housing until it stops -arrow-.



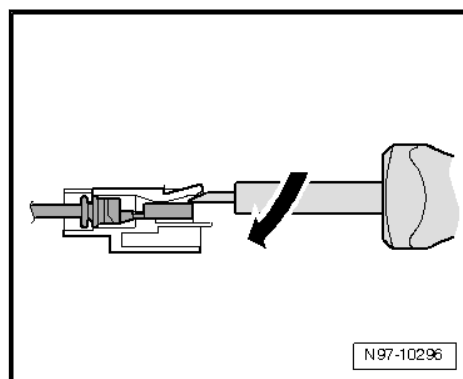
Contact is ejected from the contact housing.

- After ejecting the contact, release tool can be pulled out of contact housing again.

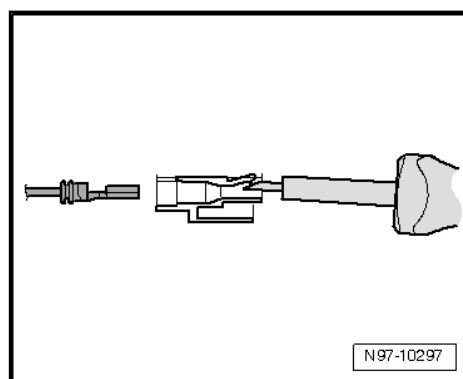


Contacts without retaining tabs:

- Insert release tool under retaining tab of terminal housing.
- Push release tool through until it stops by gently lifting -arrow-.



Contact is ejected from the contact housing.





3 Contact Surface Cleaning Set - VAS 6410-

⇒ ["3.1 Contact Surface Cleaning Set VAS 6410 , Using", page 166](#)

3.1 Contact Surface Cleaning Set - VAS 6410- , Using

⇒ ["3.1.1 Wiring Eyelets, Repairing", page 166](#)

⇒ ["3.1.2 Threaded Connections, Repairing", page 168](#)

⇒ ["3.1.3 Battery Clamp and Battery Terminal, Cleaning", page 169](#)

⇒ ["3.1.4 Protecting", page 171](#)

The Contact Surface Cleaning Set - VAS 6410- makes optimal repair quality possible in the realm of vehicle electronics. Using the tools, service work can be performed in the area of the contact sensor on the threaded connection wiring harnesses in the high current circuit (starter and charging current). The Contact Surface Cleaning Set - VAS 6410- is adapted to the vehicle structural measurements and ensures correct servicing and a comfortable procedure.



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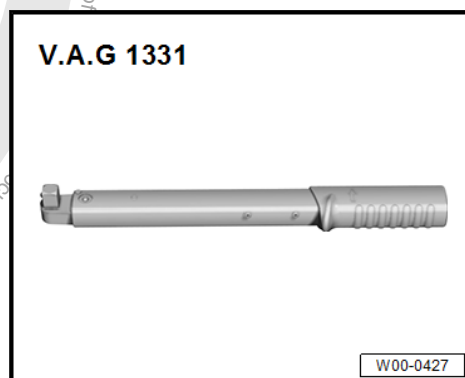
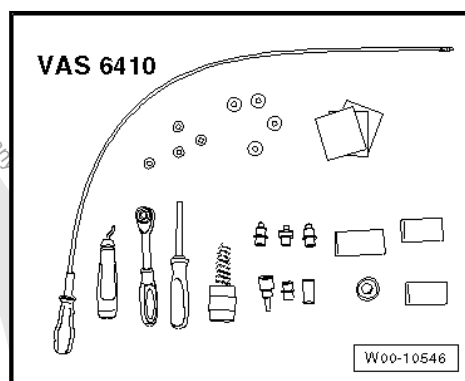
The illustrations of the service work only serve as examples.

Contact Surface Cleaning Set VAS 6410

3.1.1 Wiring Eyelets, Repairing

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Torque Wrench 1331 5-50Nm -VAG 1331-





i Note

- ◆ Do not use rust remover, contact spray or grease because the lack of friction will cause the torque to be exceeded when installing and this will lead to the threaded connection breaking.
- ◆ The gray sanding pads are for slight contamination and suitable for "soft surfaces". The red sanding pads are for heavy contamination and suitable for "hard surfaces".



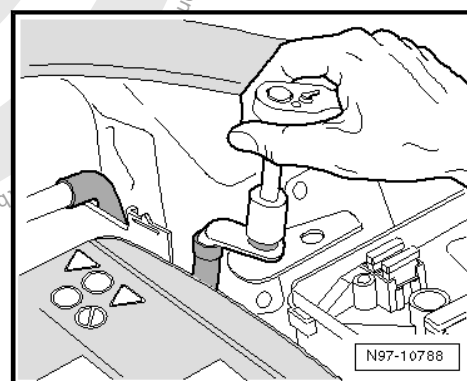
WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ➔ "1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4 .

- Disconnect battery.
- Loosen the cap nut and remove the wiring eyelet from the threaded connection.
- Check the wiring eyelet for corrosion, contamination, etc.
- Select the corresponding adapter and the corresponding sanding pad.

i Note

The sanding block can be used instead.



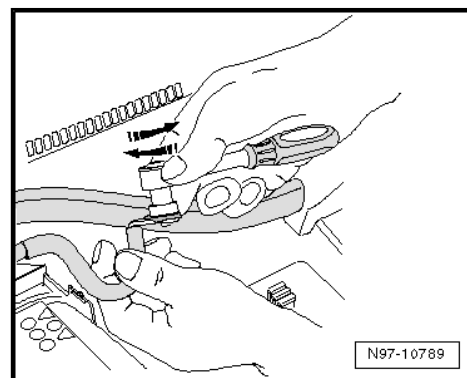
Caution

Make sure the tin layer is not worn down too much and the copper is not visible. A galvanic element can form from this, destroying the metal and causing incorrect repairs.

i Note

Due to the different thicknesses of the tin layer, the cleaning process must be performed in several steps and a visual inspection of the wiring eyelet between steps is necessary.

- Insert the adapter in the wiring eyelet and sand off the corrosion and contamination with circular motions.
- Check the wiring eyelet and sand it again if necessary.





- If necessary, remove the burr on the wiring eyelet with the deburrer.
- Reinstall the wiring eyelet with the specified torque. Refer to ➔ Wiring diagrams, Troubleshooting & Component locations.

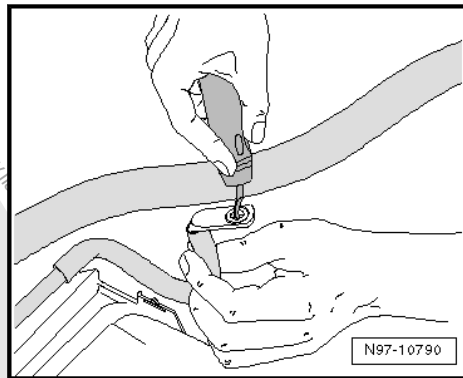


Note

Optimal contact is ensured if the bolted components are tightened to the specified torque after cleaning.

- Apply protection material to the connection. Refer to ➔ ["3.1.4 Protecting", page 171](#).

Reconnect the battery.



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ➔ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).

- Reprogram the window regulators, enter the radio code, set the clock and, if necessary, recode control modules that have error messages.

3.1.2 Threaded Connections, Repairing

Special tools and workshop equipment required

- ◆ Torque Wrench 1331 5-50Nm -VAG 1331-

V.A.G 1331



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Note

- ◆ Do not use rust remover, contact spray or grease because the lack of friction will cause the torque to be exceeded when installing and this will lead to the threaded connection breaking.
- ◆ The gray sanding pads are for slight contamination and suitable for "soft surfaces". The red sanding pads are for heavy contamination and suitable for "hard surfaces".



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ➔ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).

- Disconnect battery.
- Loosen the cap nut and remove the wiring eyelet from the threaded connection.
- Check the threaded connection for corrosion, contamination, etc.
- Select the corresponding adapter and the corresponding sanding pad for the threaded connection.



Caution

Make sure the tin layer is not worn down too much and the copper is not visible. A galvanic element can form from this, destroying the metal and causing incorrect repairs.



Note

Due to the different thicknesses of the tin layer, the cleaning process must be performed in several steps and a visual inspection of the wiring eyelet between steps is necessary.

Place the adapter on the threaded connection and sand off the corrosion and contaminants with circular movements.

- Check the threaded connection and sand it again if necessary.
- Retighten the connection and, if necessary, the anti-rotation protection to the specified torque. Refer to ➤ Wiring diagrams, Troubleshooting & Component locations.



Note

Optimal contact is ensured if the bolted components are tightened to the specified torque after cleaning.

- Apply protection material to the threaded connection. Refer to ➤ ["3.1.4 Protecting", page 171](#).
- Reconnect the battery.



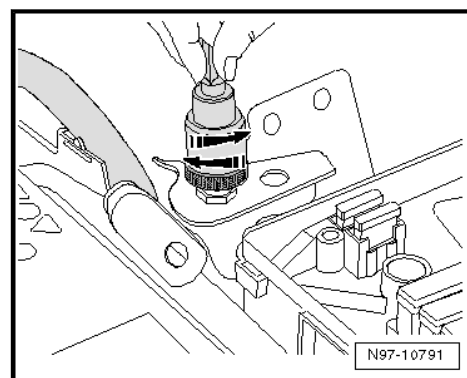
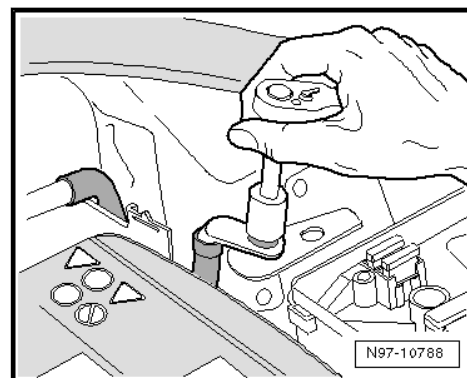
WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ➤ ["1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4](#).

- Reprogram the window regulators, enter the radio code, set the clock and, if necessary, recode control modules that have error messages.

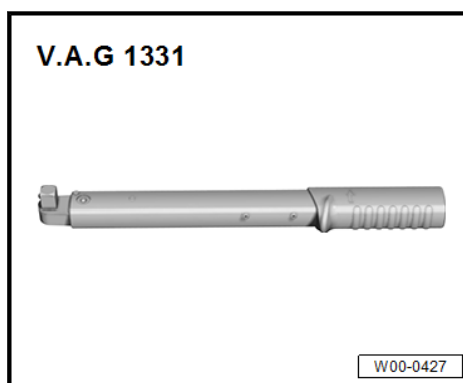
3.1.3 Battery Clamp and Battery Terminal, Cleaning

Special tools and workshop equipment required





◆ Torque Wrench 1331 5-50Nm -VAG 1331-



Note

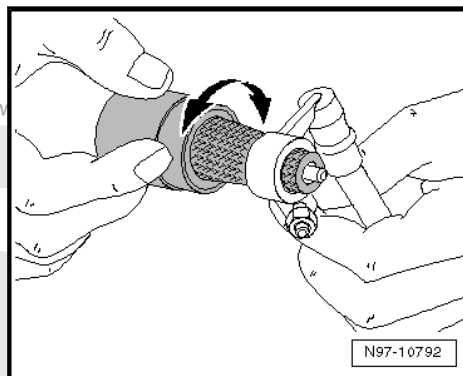
Do not use rust remover, contact spray or grease because the lack of friction will cause the torque to be exceeded when installing and this will lead to the threaded connection breaking.



WARNING

Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ➔ "1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4.

- Disconnect battery.
- Check the battery clamp and the battery terminal for corrosion or dirt.
- The battery clamp is cleaned with the battery terminal cleaner wire brush using circular motions.



- The battery terminal is cleaned with the bottom side of the terminal cleaner using circular motions.



WARNING

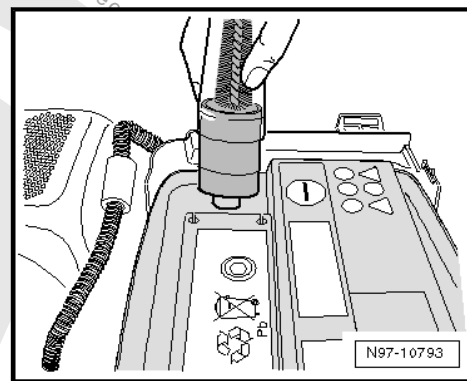
Risk of injury! Follow all Warnings and Safety Precautions. Refer to ➔ "1.3 Warnings and Safety Precautions", page 4.

- Reconnect the battery and tighten the battery terminals to the specified torque.



Note

Optimal contact is ensured if the bolted components are tightened to the specified torque after cleaning.



3.1.4 Protecting



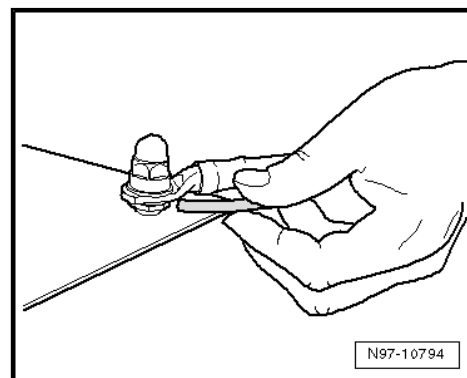
Caution

Missing protection leads to the electrical system damage.



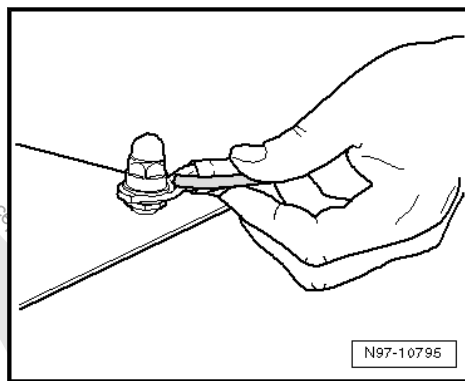
Note

- ◆ *All threaded connections must be tightened to the specified torque.*
 - ◆ *When applying protection, always use the accompanying hose on the protection container.*
 - ◆ *Protection wax is used in the cool area.*
 - ◆ *Cavity protection wax is used in the warm area.*
 - ◆ *The protection material draws itself into the affected places by capillary action.*
- Hold the injector under the wiring eyelet and spray all around the pins.





- Hold the injector above the wiring eyelet and spray all around the pins and wiring eyelet.





4 Heated Oxygen Sensor, Replacing

⇒ ["4.1 4-Pin Heated Oxygen Sensor \(HO2S\), Replacing", page 173](#)

⇒ ["4.2 6-Pin Universal Oxygen Sensor, Replacing", page 174](#)

⇒ ["4.3 Oxygen Sensor Unit Protective Pipes", page 175](#)



Note

- ◆ Do not repair the heated oxygen sensor wires. Repairing may result in malfunctions.
- ◆ Use the faulty sensor as a guide for installing all of the accompanying attachments, cable ties or marking bands.
- ◆ If necessary, identify the heated oxygen sensor (HO2S) using the protective tube. Refer to ⇒ ["4.3 Oxygen Sensor Unit Protective Pipes", page 175](#).

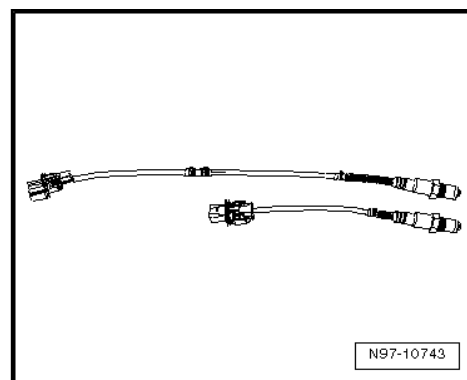
4.1 4-Pin Heated Oxygen Sensor (HO2S), Replacing



Note

- ◆ Use the faulty sensor as a guide for installing all of the accompanying attachments, cable ties or marking bands.
- ◆ Do not repair the heated oxygen sensor wires. Repairing may result in malfunctions.

- Remove the faulty oxygen sensor.
- Lay both of the oxygen sensor next to each other so the sensor housings are the same level.



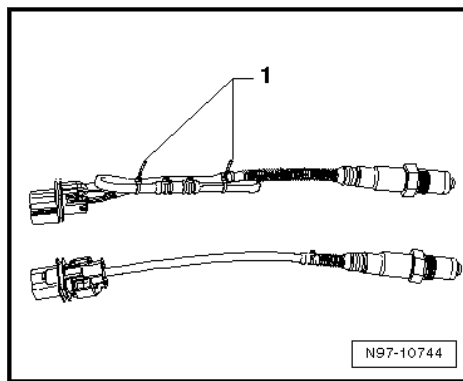


- Tie the excess length of the sensor (approximately 50 to 250 mm) back so it is the same length as the faulty sensor and secure it with cable ties -1-.
- Check if the oxygen sensor connector housing is compatible with the vehicle electrical system side.
- If necessary, replace the vehicle electrical system connector with the provided oxygen sensor connector housing. Refer to [⇒ "2.7 Contact Housings and Connectors, Repairing", page 156](#).



Note

- ◆ *Only replace the connector housing on older vehicles. The connector housing is correct on new vehicles.*
 - ◆ *Check the pin assignment. The pins in the new connector housing are color coded.*
 - ◆ *The packaging for the new heated oxygen sensor contains additional information.*
- Install the new oxygen sensor in the vehicle.

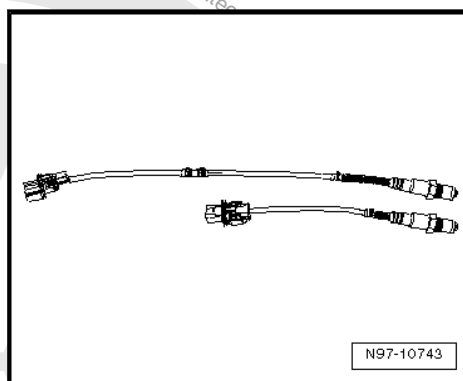


4.2 6-Pin Universal Oxygen Sensor, Replacing



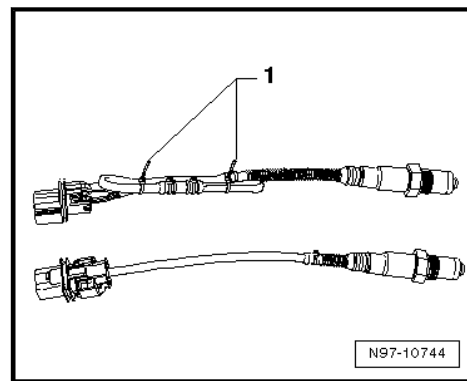
Note

- ◆ *Use the faulty sensor as a guide for installing all of the accompanying attachments, cable ties or marking bands.*
 - ◆ *Do not crimp or cut the wires otherwise the functionality of the heated oxygen sensor (HO2S) will be diminished.*
- Remove the old heated oxygen sensor (HO2S).
 - Lay both of the oxygen sensor next to each other so the sensor housings are the same level.





- Tie the excess length of the sensor (approximately 50 to 250 mm) back so it is the same length as the faulty sensor and secure it with cable ties -1-.
- Install the new oxygen sensor in the vehicle.



4.3 Oxygen Sensor Unit Protective Pipes



Note

In addition to using the part number, the protective pipe can also be used for identification.

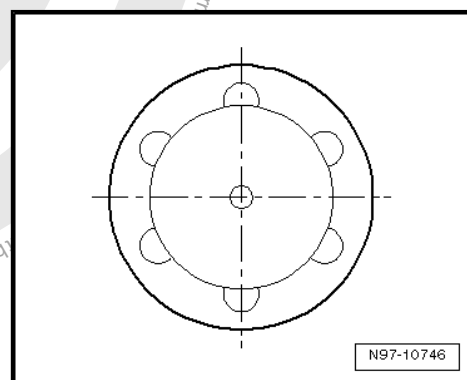
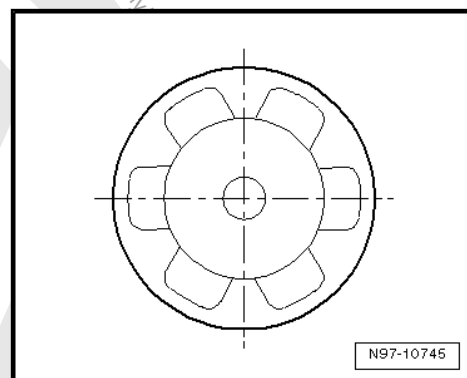
Version D1, 6 openings, 3.5 mm each

Only used with the 4-pin oxygen sensor

Version D2, 6 openings, 2 mm each

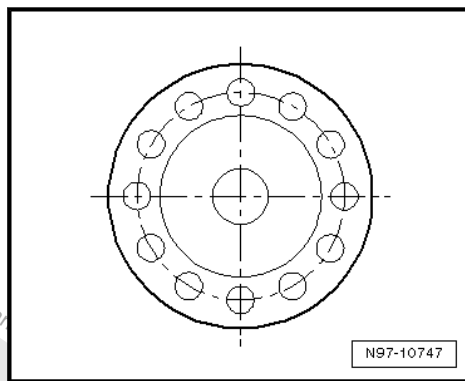
Used with 4-pin and 6-pin universal oxygen sensors.

Version D4, 12 openings, 1.4 mm each





Used with 4-pin and 6-pin universal oxygen sensors.



Cautions & Warnings

Please read these WARNINGS and CAUTIONS before proceeding with maintenance and repair work. You must answer that you have read and you understand these WARNINGS and CAUTIONS before you will be allowed to view this information.

- If you lack the skills, tools and equipment, or a suitable workshop for any procedure described in this manual, we suggest you leave such repairs to an authorized Volkswagen retailer or other qualified shop. We especially urge you to consult an authorized Volkswagen retailer before beginning repairs on any vehicle that may still be covered wholly or in part by any of the extensive warranties issued by Volkswagen.
- Disconnect the battery negative terminal (ground strap) whenever you work on the fuel system or the electrical system. Do not smoke or work near heaters or other fire hazards. Keep an approved fire extinguisher handy.
- Volkswagen is constantly improving its vehicles and sometimes these changes, both in parts and specifications, are made applicable to earlier models. Therefore, part numbers listed in this manual are for reference only. Always check with your authorized Volkswagen retailer parts department for the latest information.
- Any time the battery has been disconnected on an automatic transmission vehicle, it will be necessary to reestablish Transmission Control Module (TCM) basic settings using the Volkswagen Factory Approved Scan Tool (ST).
- Never work under a lifted vehicle unless it is solidly supported on stands designed for the purpose. Do not support a vehicle on cinder blocks, hollow tiles or other props that may crumble under continuous load. Never work under a vehicle that is supported solely by a jack. Never work under the vehicle while the engine is running.
- For vehicles equipped with an anti-theft radio, be sure of the correct radio activation code before disconnecting the battery or removing the radio. If the wrong code is entered when the power is restored, the radio may lock up and become inoperable, even if the correct code is used in a later attempt.
- If you are going to work under a vehicle on the ground, make sure that the ground is level. Block the wheels to keep the vehicle from rolling. Disconnect the battery negative terminal (ground strap) to prevent others from starting the vehicle while you are under it
- Do not attempt to work on your vehicle if you do not feel well. You increase the danger of injury to yourself and others if you are tired, upset or have taken medicine or any other substances that may impair you or keep you from being fully alert.
- Never run the engine unless the work area is well ventilated. Carbon monoxide (CO) kills.
- Always observe good workshop practices. Wear goggles when you operate machine tools or work with acid. Wear goggles, gloves and other protective clothing whenever the job requires working with harmful substances.
- Tie long hair behind your head. Do not wear a necktie, a scarf, loose clothing, or a necklace when you work near machine tools or running engines. If your hair, clothing, or jewelry were to get caught in the machinery, severe injury could result.
- Do not re-use any fasteners that are worn or deformed in normal use. Some fasteners are designed to be used only once and are unreliable and may fail if used a second time. This includes, but is not limited to, nuts, bolts, washers, circlips and cotter pins. Always follow the recommendations in this manual - replace these fasteners with new parts where indicated, and any other time it is deemed necessary by inspection.

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- Illuminate the work area adequately but safely. Use a portable safety light for working inside or under the vehicle. Make sure the bulb is enclosed by a wire cage. The hot filament of an accidentally broken bulb can ignite spilled fuel or oil.
- Friction materials such as brake pads and clutch discs may contain asbestos fibers. Do not create dust by grinding, sanding, or by cleaning with compressed air. Avoid breathing asbestos fibers and asbestos dust. Breathing asbestos can cause serious diseases such as asbestosis or cancer, and may result in death.
- Finger rings should be removed so that they cannot cause electrical shorts, get caught in running machinery, or be crushed by heavy parts.
- Before starting a job, make certain that you have all the necessary tools and parts on hand. Read all the instructions thoroughly; do not attempt shortcuts. Use tools that are appropriate to the work and use only replacement parts meeting Volkswagen specifications. Makeshift tools, parts and procedures will not make good repairs.
- Catch draining fuel, oil or brake fluid in suitable containers. Do not use empty food or beverage containers that might mislead someone into drinking from them. Store flammable fluids away from fire hazards. Wipe up spills at once, but do not store the oily rags, which can ignite and burn spontaneously.
- Use pneumatic and electric tools only to loosen threaded parts and fasteners. Never use these tools to tighten fasteners, especially on light alloy parts. Always use a torque wrench to tighten fasteners to the tightening torque listed.
- Keep sparks, lighted matches, and open flame away from the top of the battery. If escaping hydrogen gas is ignited, it will ignite gas trapped in the cells and cause the battery to explode.
- Be mindful of the environment and ecology. Before you drain the crankcase, find out the proper way to dispose of the oil. Do not pour oil onto the ground, down a drain, or into a stream, pond, or lake. Consult local ordinances that govern the disposal of wastes.
- The air-conditioning (A/C) system is filled with a chemical refrigerant that is hazardous. The A/C system should be serviced only by trained automotive service technicians using approved refrigerant recovery/recycling equipment, trained in related safety precautions, and familiar with regulations governing the discharging and disposal of automotive chemical refrigerants.
- Before doing any electrical welding on vehicles equipped with anti-lock brakes (ABS), disconnect the battery negative terminal (ground strap) and the ABS control module connector.
- Do not expose any part of the A/C system to high temperatures such as open flame. Excessive heat will increase system pressure and may cause the system to burst.
- When boost-charging the battery, first remove the fuses for the Engine Control Module (ECM), the Transmission Control Module (TCM), the ABS control module, and the trip computer. In cases where one or more of these components is not separately fused, disconnect the control module connector(s).
- Some of the vehicles covered by this manual are equipped with a supplemental restraint system (SRS), that automatically deploys an airbag in the event of a frontal impact. The airbag is operated by an explosive device. Handled improperly or without adequate safeguards, it can be accidentally activated and cause serious personal injury. To guard against personal injury or airbag system failure, only trained Volkswagen Service technicians should test, disassemble or service the airbag system.

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- Do not quick-charge the battery (for boost starting) for longer than one minute, and do not exceed 16.5 volts at the battery with the boosting cables attached. Wait at least one minute before boosting the battery a second time.
- Never use a test light to conduct electrical tests of the airbag system. The system must only be tested by trained Volkswagen Service technicians using the Volkswagen Factory Approved Scan Tool (ST) or an approved equivalent. The airbag unit must never be electrically tested while it is not installed in the vehicle.
- Some aerosol tire inflators are highly flammable. Be extremely cautious when repairing a tire that may have been inflated using an aerosol tire inflator. Keep sparks, open flame or other sources of ignition away from the tire repair area. Inflate and deflate the tire at least four times before breaking the bead from the rim. Completely remove the tire from the rim before attempting any repair.
- When driving or riding in an airbag-equipped vehicle, never hold test equipment in your hands or lap while the vehicle is in motion. Objects between you and the airbag can increase the risk of injury in an accident.

I have read and I understand these Cautions and Warnings.

